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Dear Friends,

TEAM MWC has been exceptionally visible during our national crisis as we have provided support for one another, as well as for the victims of the terrorists' acts. Instead of the fear and panic sought by the terrorists, calm has prevailed at Mary Washington College. I'd like to thank everyone who responded so rapidly and thoughtfully to this disaster with correspondence to our students studying abroad, increased campus security and available counseling, periods of reflection and remembrance, and numerous drives for supplies and dollars to support the families and friends of the victims.

MWC students, faculty and staff participated in a candlelight vigil, moments of silence and other prayerful observances following the Sept. 11 national tragedy.

We can take some consolation from the fact that our collective role at Mary Washington College is to advance knowledge through the teaching of our students, which is a powerful means of achieving a world void of heinous acts of terrorism. The MWC Statement of Community Values is more meaningful now than ever. One of our core values is to offer a supportive and humane environment in which people from a wide variety of backgrounds and traditions may encounter one another in a spirit of cooperation, openness, and respect for difference and diversity. Today, let us rededicate ourselves to advancing a community, both at Mary Washington College and in society at large, in which all people can live and work together harmoniously.

One means of achieving community and counteracting the disruption sought by our enemies is to join together in the numerous activities on campus. I hope to see you at some of the athletic games, plays, lectures and concerts.

Sincerely,

William M. Anderson, Jr.
President

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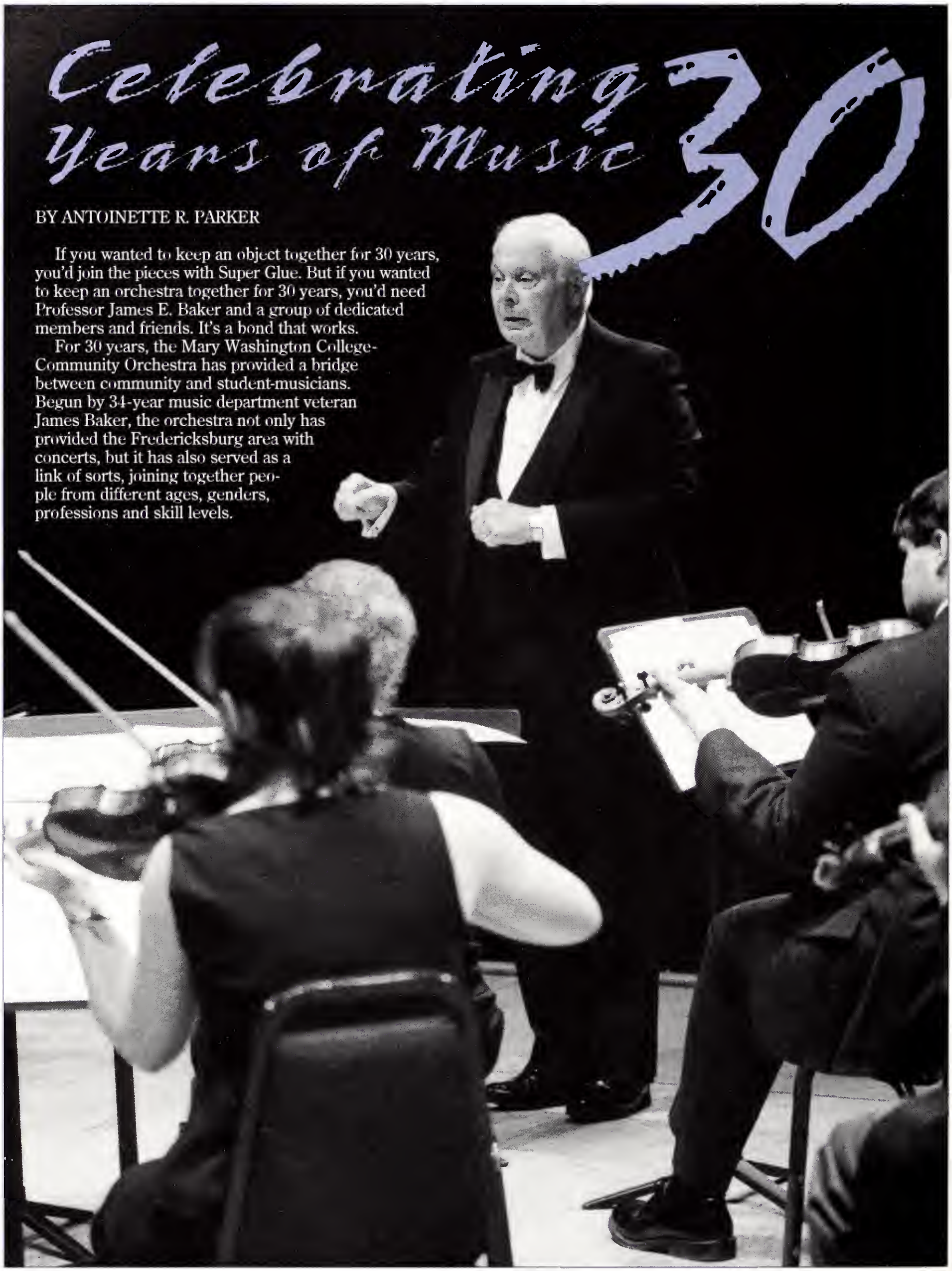
ABOUT THE COVERS: Students enrolled in Introduction to Geology and Evolution of the Earth find knowledge and adventure close to home in the summer. The large photo on the front cover is from Shenandoah National Park, insert photos are from Westmoreland State Park and the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg. The large photo on the back cover shows Sarah Lyon using a Brunton compass to make a strike and dip measurement on the rocks. The other photos show students examining rock exposures along the Rappahannock River. Professor Grant R. Woodwell team-taught these courses with Associate Professor Jodie L. Hayob in a previous summer session.

Celebrating 30 Years of Music

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

If you wanted to keep an object together for 30 years, you'd join the pieces with Super Glue. But if you wanted to keep an orchestra together for 30 years, you'd need Professor James E. Baker and a group of dedicated members and friends. It's a bond that works.

For 30 years, the Mary Washington College-Community Orchestra has provided a bridge between community and student-musicians. Begun by 34-year music department veteran James Baker, the orchestra not only has provided the Fredericksburg area with concerts, but it has also served as a link of sorts, joining together people from different ages, genders, professions and skill levels.



Once each week during the academic year, the group meets on MWC's campus to practice. An important interaction occurs here — one between age groups. You may see an older community member greet a student arriving for practice, the smile of familiarity warm and genuine. Or you'll notice neighbors pointing at sheet music, helping one another find their place.

According to Anne Hamer, who taught in MWC's music department for 36 years and served as department chair for six of those years, the benefits to young and old are symbiotic. "The older people give to the young ones, and the young ones give to us," she said.

Ms. Hamer is a member of the Friends of the Orchestra, and for more than 25 years, she and her cello have participated in performances. She said the musical group provides an important opportunity for MWC's neighbors. "It's an outlet for community musicians, which I think is great. It gives the townspeople a chance to play when they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do so."

Fredericksburg native and local dentist Wyatt Thompson agrees. A musician since his first sixth-grade trumpet lesson, he has been one-third of two different singing trios, and he plays the French horn. He played in the orchestra's first concert in 1971, and since has played in 119 performances with the group.

After a busy day at the office, sometimes he'd come home too tired to eat dinner, let alone make it to evening orchestra practice. But he'd somehow get there, and afterwards, he felt rejuvenated.

"I've been connected with music all of my life, but I never realized that it was part of my soul," said Thompson. "I don't think that anyone has appreciated the orchestra more than me."

Humble Beginnings

At the time of this interview, Dr. Baker had just returned from Bulgaria, where he was conductor for a honeymoon concert that featured a former student and her Bulgarian-born husband. Music keeps this man busy — both in mind and body. His office is crowded, and there is no surface uncovered. Piles of papers bury his desk, framed programs from past concerts hang on the wall, and old flutes and other instruments rest atop a very full bookshelf. Though he just spent a month in another country, he's back at work, printing off mailing lists and working on paperwork for the orchestra.

Dr. Baker began the orchestra after returning from sabbatical in 1971 and finding that the small musical group in existence before he left had disbanded. Instead of rebuilding the same group — which had lost several members to graduation — James Baker had another idea. "It wasn't possible to use the existing forces," he said. "It was like starting all over. So I decided that if I had to start all over, I would go in a different direction. I got permission to include people from the community, and this was not a common thing on campus at the time. The only participation by non-students were male roles in theatrical productions. This was an all-girls' school at the time."

He began making phone calls and inviting locals to join the group, and word about the orchestra spread. Soon, community members and students joined together, 34 musicians total, to play classical music. And in a Dec. 1, 1971 concert, the College-Community Symphony Orchestra announced its presence to the world in a half-concert on the Klein Theater stage. (Dr. Baker jokes that although the performance was taped, the sounds from the concert will never be heard again.)

In May, a second concert followed, and the group began putting on two

James Baker, pictured at left in the mid '70s, has presided over the orchestra for 30 years. At right are some photos of Dr. Baker and the group. From top to bottom: a rehearsal in the early '70s, the 1978 Pops concert and the orchestra in 2000.

shows per year. With the addition of a third concert in 1975, and then the Pops Concert two years later, the College-Community Orchestra brought the number of concerts to a firm four shows per year, the number of annual concerts maintained even today.

Scholarships

For several students, participation with the orchestra has multiple benefits. As Carol Underhill, past chair of the Friends of the Orchestra, points out, it's an opportunity for students to work with seasoned musicians. And Dr. Baker says it's a great opportunity for students to get the feel of performing with a group. Participation in the orchestra can also mean scholarships for some student-musicians.

The coveted scholarships, about equivalent to one year's tuition, are distributed over four years, and are available to student orchestra members. Students must try out for the gifts, which are renewable each year for four years, dependent upon participation with the orchestra and continued personal musical growth. The students do not have to be music majors, and, Dr. Baker adds, most of them are not.

Anne Hamer, associate professor emerita of music (right), at a 2000 performance

Above: Franticek Vajnar, guest conductor from the Czech Republic

Left: Anne Braband '04

Below: Chantal Young '03

In honor of the 30th anniversary, the Friends of the Orchestra kicked off a campaign to raise the group's endowment to the $1-million level. This money would be used to help support the orchestra program, and to continue offering scholarships which, Dr. Baker says, often help secure students' decisions of whether or not to attend Mary Washington College.

Now and Ahead

Today the orchestra has grown to 85 members, and continues to bring a classical, musical touch to the Fredericksburg area. Professor Baker says he tries to keep a dynamic list of music to keep everyone entertained, and to keep their performances fresh.

"We have attempted to play the bulk of our selections from standard orchestral literature, the kind you hear on GMS and WETA (public radio and public television)," he said. "We occasionally

will premiere a number that a budding composer would like to hear — sometimes to everybody's surprise. Then, of course, the Pops gives us a chance to explore different kinds of music other than classical literature." Dr. Baker also tries to select music that involves most of the instruments, so that everyone in the group has an opportunity to play. He added, "There's a tremendous wealth of music that we haven't touched because it doesn't involve certain instruments in the orchestra."

Professor Baker has several ideas for the group's future, including the possibility of a first-chair orchestra emerging from the larger ensemble. He hopes the smaller group of about 12 or 15 could play chamber music and tour cross country. He also envisions more opportunities for MWC student-musicians to travel abroad, thus increasing their global perspectives. But whatever new programs or additions to current ones he has in mind, Dr. Baker plans to stay true to his original concept for the College-Community Orchestra, which has kept the program on a steady course these past 30 years.

"I don't think that you can continually change a program," he said. "If you do this, it will eventually cease to exist because it has no semblance of its original identity. So I see us maintaining the concept of an orchestra and then taking different routes from time to time and different directions to maintain interest in the ensemble. That's my vision, anyway. You have to decide whether you want to be *historical* or a *living* piece of history."

Antoinette R. Parker is the assistant director of publications at MWC.

Our Guiding Philosophy

BY JAMES E. BAKER

Throughout the summer months, continuing through the fall semester and well into the spring term, prospective students interview at Mary Washington College with thoughts of enrolling here. Of course they also interview at perhaps six to eight other colleges. These potential student-musicians have myriad interests about a major discipline of study as well as an interest in continuing to apply their musical skills at the collegiate level.

If orchestra performance is high on their list of desired collegiate experiences, we at MWC hope that they will matriculate here. Having scholarship aid to offer these young musicians is often the deciding factor in their orchestra participation at MWC or another college.

The MWC orchestra scholarship philosophy requires that students prove their value to the orchestra by maintaining and improving their musical skills as well as demonstrating their regular participation for one semester prior to being recognized for scholarship support. This observable work ethic is an important feature of the orchestra's scholarship approach. I, for one, am a strong believer in what we have developed over the past 30 years. Hopefully you agree and will continue or initiate your support of the orchestra through your membership contribution and special gifts.

Above: Community member Jim Fox

Right: Andrew Oko '04

Arabelle Laws Arrington '41
Committed To Her College

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

Most Americans who remember as far back as 1929 usually have one overwhelming memory of that year: the onset of the Great Depression. For Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 however, the most vivid recollection involves not the economic crash, but a more physical crash — that of the tornado that struck her family's farm near Warrenton, Va., on May 2.

Within seconds the storm utterly demolished the Laws' home, killing her father, and leaving Arabelle and her brother buried beneath eight feet of bricks, mortar and wood. From that disaster both children somehow survived relatively unscathed, with 7-year-old Arabelle suffering only a broken ankle.

Her mother was not as fortunate, suffering injuries that kept her hospitalized for four months. Having survived the tragedy, Mrs. Laws and her only daughter subsequently developed an unusually close bond — all the more intimate, perhaps, because of the trauma they had shared.

President William M. Anderson Jr. with Arabelle Laws Arrington

The Laws home before and after the tornado

Years later, Arabelle, recounting her mother's profound influence on her, recalled that the primary emphasis was always on education. For young women of her era, that usually meant preparation for one of the two main professional careers that were considered options at the time: nursing or teaching. Having chosen the latter, Arabelle immediately thought of Mary Washington, both because of Fredericksburg's proximity to Warrenton and the school's reputation for excellence as a teachers college. (Still known then as the State Teachers College at Fredericksburg, the institution would become Mary Washington

Dr. Arrington (far left) with other recipients of the Washington Medal at a 1988 banquet.

College in 1938.)

One visit to the campus settled the matter. Its beauty left her so impressed, she says, that she had "no desire to look at another college. That was *it*!" And so, in the fall of 1937, she enrolled — at the age of 15.

The young freshman was enthralled by college life, and was particularly impressed by professors such as Oscar Darter in history, George Shankle in English, and Ray Cook in the physical sciences. Then, of course, there was the redoubtable Dean of Women, Nina Bushnell, whose imperious attention Arabelle attracted during her first year by hiding (unsuccessfully) in the bathroom to study after "lights out." When discovered, she received what she later termed "the sternest lecture I ever received in my life" — including Mrs. Bushnell's accusation that she was a thief, having in essence stolen illicit study time. The episode quickly convinced Arabelle that "that lady really was going to make us toe the line, and you can bet that I did for the remaining years."

Though she spent most weekends at her nearby home and so missed much of the on-campus social life, Arabelle clearly recalls a particular incident that occurred just before Halloween in 1938. Returning one Sunday night, she found that "the whole dormitory was in an uproar, and Mrs. Bushnell was trying to calm them. They had heard something on the radio, and the minute I walked in, their eyes were popping, telling me what an awful thing had happened: The Martians had landed." Thus did the terror of Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" invade MWC.

Immediately following her graduation with a B.S. degree in biology in 1941, Arabelle began teaching high school in Fauquier: At 20, she was barely older than her students. Her career in education was brief, however. In 1946 she married her longtime boyfriend, Walter Arrington, and joined him in operating a car dealership in Warrenton. It was a happy partnership, both personally and financially, and, as the dealership prospered over the years, the couple also acquired substantial land holdings in Fauquier County. (The success of the marriage itself was attested by the celebration of their 55th anniversary in March of this year.)

All the while, Arabelle maintained her devotion to Mary Washington, liberally investing both time and treasure in her alma mater. She served two terms on the Board of Visitors, from 1975 to 1983. It was a period of momentous events in the evolution of the College, including the establishment of a strong identity independent of the University of Virginia and the full implementation of coeducation.

Yet, of all the developments in which she participated during those years, the one of which she claims to be most proud is the role she played in securing William M. Anderson Jr., as president. Carefully noting that he had the good fortune to build beyond the solid foundation laid by his predecessors, she nonetheless gives him primary credit for being the arbitest of the institution's increased quality and consequent prominence. "Bill Anderson," she says, "really put us on the map!"

Her own contribution to that development has been substantial, including three terms on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She has also been on the Board of Directors of the MWC Foundation since its inception in 1975 and has served as its president since 1998. In recognition of her exemplary service, she was awarded the Washington Medal in 1988, the Alumni Association's Service Award the following year, and an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1998.

In all her endeavors she has evinced two notable characteristics: total commitment to the interests of the College and an indomitable, forthright demeanor. As her friend and former colleague on the Board of Visitors, Rita Morgan Stone '52, puts it, "Arabelle is a lady of strong views — and she isn't shy about expressing them! But always, *always*, her focus has been on the advancement of Mary Washington, especially its academic quality. No one is more loyal than she."

Nor few more generous, as tangibly demonstrated in recent years through several exemplary acts of philanthropy. She is, for example, a member of the Heritage Society, composed of persons who have provided for the College in their estate plans. Moreover, in 1998 she issued a challenge to supporters of the College by offering to match dollar-for-dollar every new or increased Annual Fund gift up to $200,000.

So successful was the "Arrington Challenge" campaign — reaching its goal well ahead of schedule — that she issued a second challenge the following year with a pledge of $250,000 if the total Annual Fund reached $1,000,000 — as it did. In addition to providing support for faculty recruitment, retention, and benefits, the additional funds are used specifically to sustain the Arrington Scholarships whereby the children of MWC faculty and staff can receive tuition-remission assistance.

Such generosity derives from Arabelle's gratitude to the College for the positive influence it exerted in her personal and professional development. This involved not only the inculcation of specific skills — public speaking being one notable example — but, more broadly and more importantly, the nurturing of leadership qualities that made her a formidable presence in both the business and political affairs of the Commonwealth.

With characteristic modesty she says simply that "certain things I gained here have enabled me to do what I've been able to do, and I would like to give something back." And then, with an earnestness that leaves no doubt she means it, "As long as the good Lord lets me live, I'm going to help!"

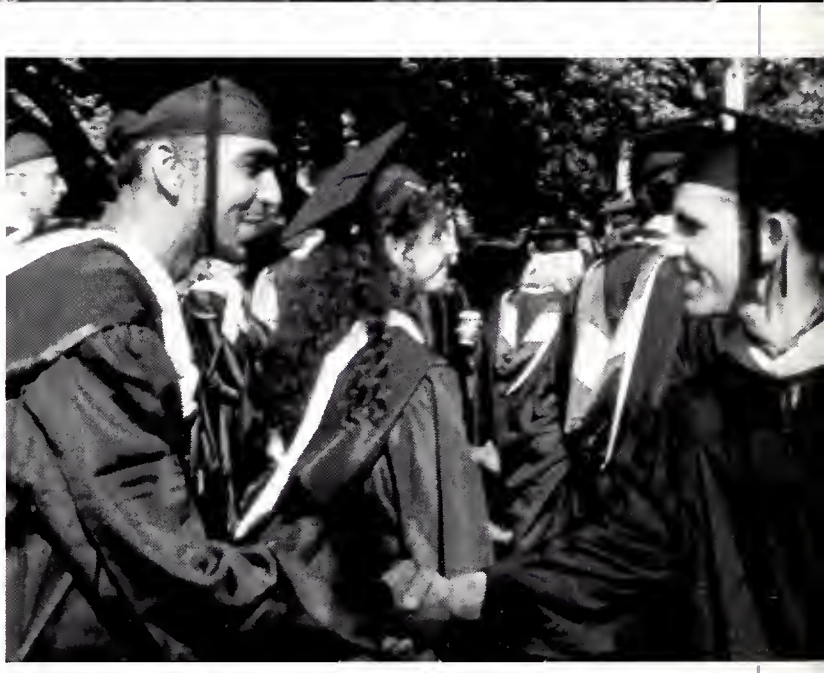
William B. Crawley Jr. is Rector and Visitors Distinguished Professor of History and serves as Historian of the College.

COMMENCEMENT

BY CASSANDRA M. NEWMAN '04

On May 12, a beautiful spring day, 824 men and women gathered together to commemorate the end of an important chapter in their lives and the beginning of the sweet uncertainty that characterizes life in "the real world." Mary Washington College's 90th Commencement was indeed a special occasion as the clear sky and warm sun provided a lovely backdrop for the graduates marching down Campus Walk to Ball Circle.

The presence of Mary Washington alumni from different generations conveyed the special bond shared by the College and all of its graduates. On hand to observe the ceremony were Dr. Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 of Warrenton, a former member of the Board of Visitors and a devoted friend of the College, and Commencement speaker Lynn Munroe Bragg '76, a member and past chair of the U.S. International Trade Commission.



The ceremony began with a welcome from Vincent A. DiBenedetto III '83, rector of the Board of Visitors. DiBenedetto reminded the graduates that with the end of the ceremony they would be "launched into the uncertainties and the inevitable challenges of an increasingly complex world." He asked the graduates to remember the "benefits and blessings" they received from their experience at Mary Washington College.

Dean Philip L. Hall announced the academic honors and presented various awards. The Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award for Academic Achievement, which is presented each year to the graduating senior with the best academic record, was given to Trixy Joan Franke of Stafford, Va. A pre-med major, Franke was able to complete her degree in just seven semesters with a final grade point average of 3.96. She has done missionary work in Tanzania through her Seventh Day Adventist Church and is fluent in Swahili.

The Grellet C. Simpson Award, named in honor of the distinguished president emeritus who presided over the College for 18 years, is presented each year to a member of the faculty whom students, alumni and other faculty members believe to be a "supremely gifted and dedicated teacher." This year, the prestigious award was given to Clavio F. Ascari, professor of Italian. Ascari is the only professor of Italian at Mary Washington. He has frequently contributed to the Master of Liberal Studies program and

the National Screening Committee for the selection of Fulbright-Hayes scholarships in Italy, a service for which he was recognized by the Institute of International Education with a Certificate of Distinguished Service. Ascari is also responsible for establishing the study abroad program in Urbino, Italy.

The MWC Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, which is annually given to a professor who has taught at least two years but no more than five years at the College, was presented to Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science. Farnsworth has 10 years of journalism experience, writing for such prominent newspapers as the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Kansas City Star*. In the past he has been recognized with the Richard Palmieri Outstanding Professor Award of the Mortar Board Honor Society and the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award. Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, recognized him as the best chapter adviser in the nation. Farnsworth's students have also been recognized, turning in prize-winning papers in the MWC Writing Contest and in the national Pi Sigma Alpha honorary competitions under his tutelage.

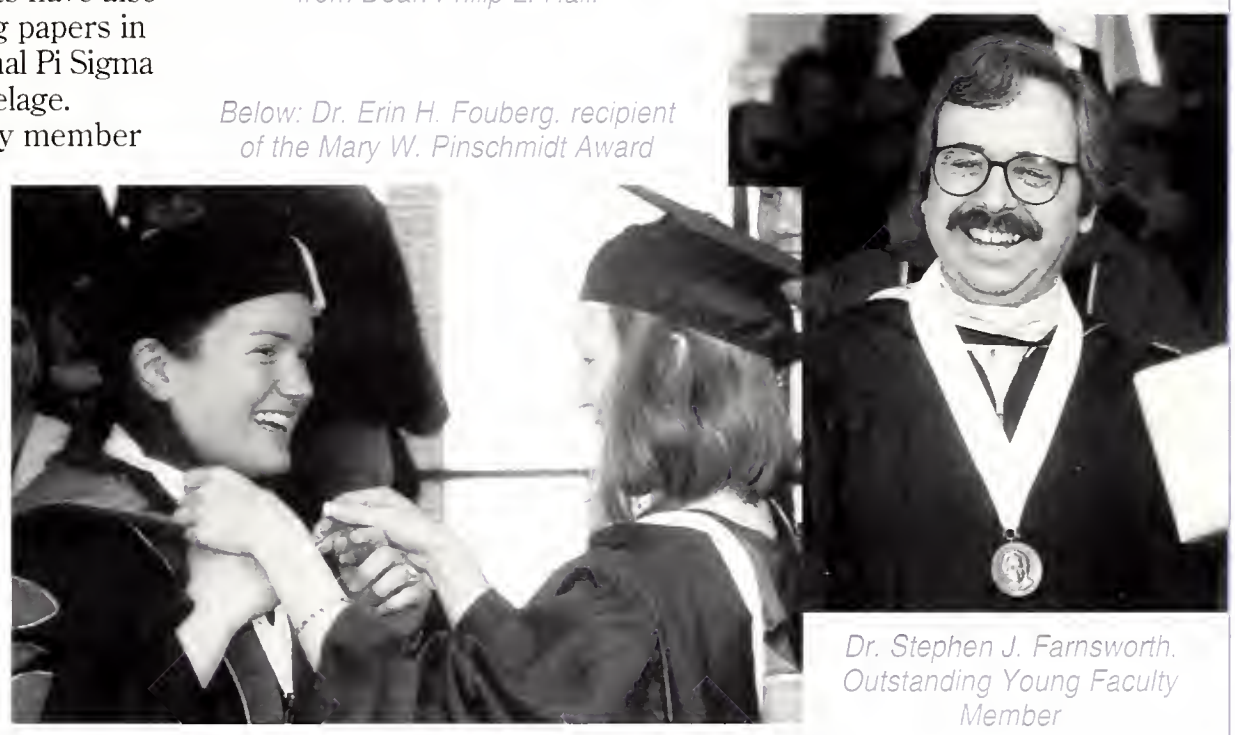
The graduating class selects the faculty member whom they deem as "the one who had the greatest impact on their lives" to receive the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award. This year's recipient is Erin H. Fouberg, assistant professor of geography, who teaches courses on European geography, political geography, and geographic methods.

Commencement speaker Lynn Munroe Bragg '76 urged the graduates to believe in themselves and their abilities. She cited an historical anecdote that described how the retail tycoon J.C. Penney would evaluate prospective employees. Penney used dinners out as a means of analyzing the merits or shortcomings of job candidates. If a candidate salted his food before he tasted it, Penney interpreted the action as a sign of hasty judgement and a "closed mind." Ultimately, he rejected the candidate. Bragg cautioned the graduates that they would face similar tests throughout their lives and that their response would determine the course of their personal and professional lives. She said that good judgment was a valuable quality gained only through the lessons learned in experience.

Above: Trixy Joan Franke received the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award from Dean Philip L. Hall.

Dr. Clavio F. Ascari. Simpson Award recipient

Below: Dr. Erin H. Fouberg, recipient of the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award



Dr. Stephen J. Farnsworth, Outstanding Young Faculty Member

Bragg assured the graduates that their education equipped them with the tools necessary to excel and succeed by strengthening their reasoning and character, and their ability to handle criticism and disappointment. Bragg indicated that upon her graduation she had vowed never to marry, have children, read books on the *New York Times* Best-Seller List, or work for the government. However, those oaths were all broken without a single regret. Fate often leads to the unexpected, she implied. The graduates were advised to "remain open to the opportunities of life and take advantage of them," and never to place limits upon their potential.

President William M. Anderson Jr. then proceeded to confer 354 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 360 Bachelor of Science degrees, 99 Bachelor of Liberal Studies degrees, seven Master of Liberal Arts degrees and the four Bachelor of Professional Studies degrees. Once the diplomas were awarded, President of the Alumni Association Patricia Branstetter Revere '63 welcomed the graduates into the Alumni Association.

Cassandra M. Newman is a sophomore from Stafford, Va. She worked as a student aide for the Office of Publications during the summer 2001 term.

Faculty Emeriti

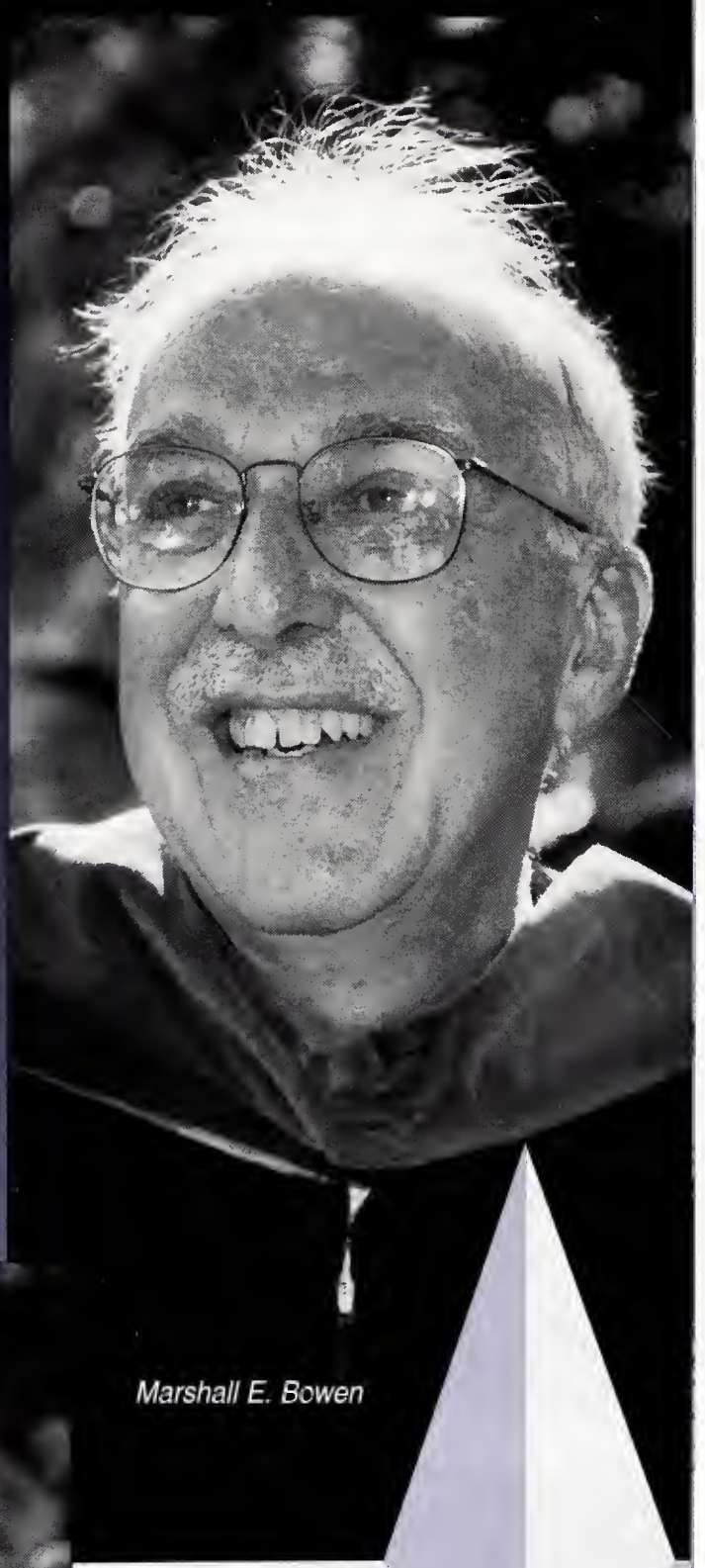
BY CASSANDRA M. NEWMAN '04

Faculty members who have served Mary Washington College for at least 15 years and who have attained the rank of professor or associate professor are eligible upon retirement to be considered for emeritus status. This honor, by action of the Board of Visitors, was bestowed this year upon six distinguished members of the faculty.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography Marshall E. Bowen is a published author and has received numerous awards for his contribution to the study of geography, including the Ray A. Billington Award by the Western History Association and the Henry A. Douglas Award by the Pioneer Society of America. He joined the MWC faculty in 1965, was awarded the Grellet C. Simpson Award in 1987 and is known for his "dynamic style" and boundless enthusiasm for the subject. Dr. Bowen continues to work as a geographer, and is involved in five research projects. Although he will teach as an adjunct professor this year, 90 percent of his time will be devoted to research.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science Richard J. Krickus is an expert on the politics of Russia and the Soviet Successor States. He writes a column for Lithuania's leading national periodical on world affairs, *Lictuvos Rytas*, and in the past has contributed to several American newspapers and professional journals. He is author of several books, including *Pursuing the American Dream* (1976), *The Superpowers in Crisis* (1987), and *Showdown: The Lithuanian Rebellion and the Break-Up of the Soviet Empire* (1997). He had been teaching at Mary Washington since 1972 after earning his degree at Georgetown University. Contacted this past summer, Dr. Krickus says he deeply misses his students and colleagues, but is enjoying his retirement very much. His next book, *The Kaliningrad Question*, comes out in November, and he continues to write articles for *The Washington Post* and other newspapers.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Music Bernard C. Lemoine joined the Mary Washington music department in 1965 after having earned a Ph.D. in music theory from The Catholic University of America. As a teacher of music theory, Lemoine was known for his expertise on the 18th and 19th centuries — periods in music history that were dominated by the great composers: Beethoven, Bach and Brahms. His class on piano per-



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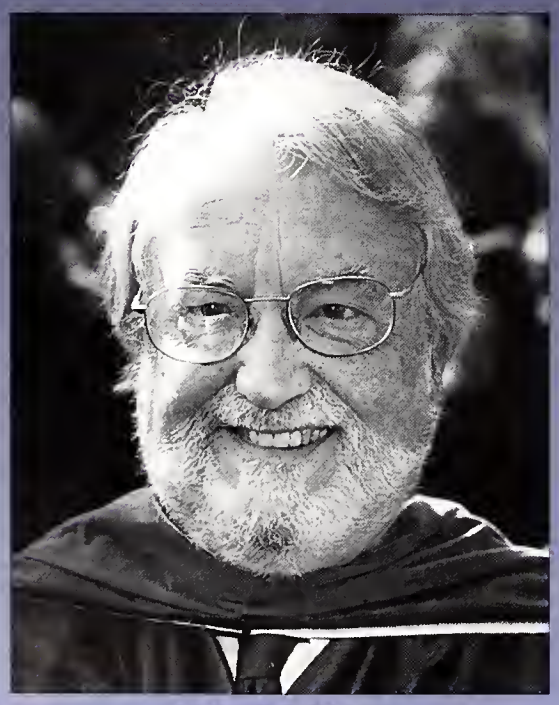

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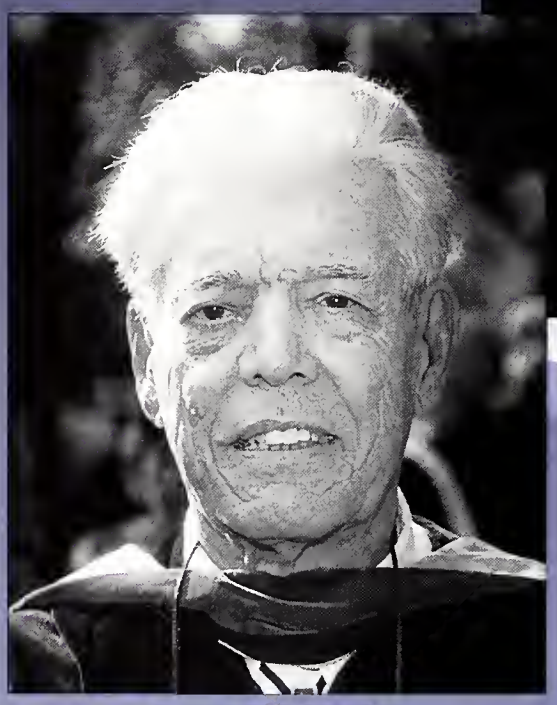

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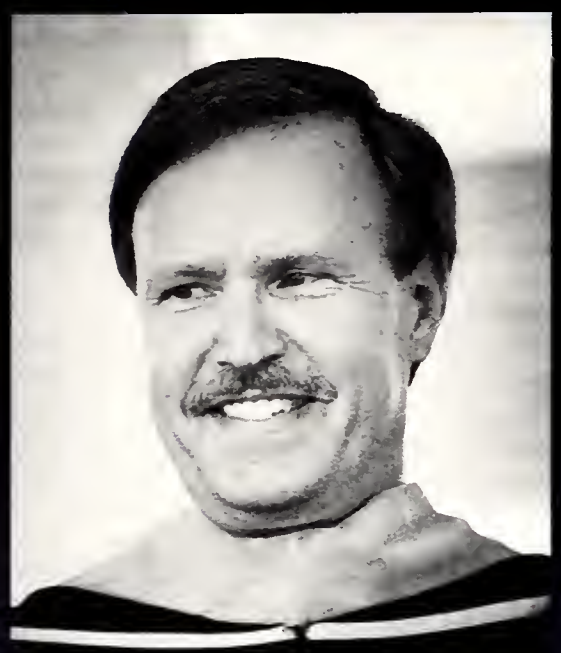

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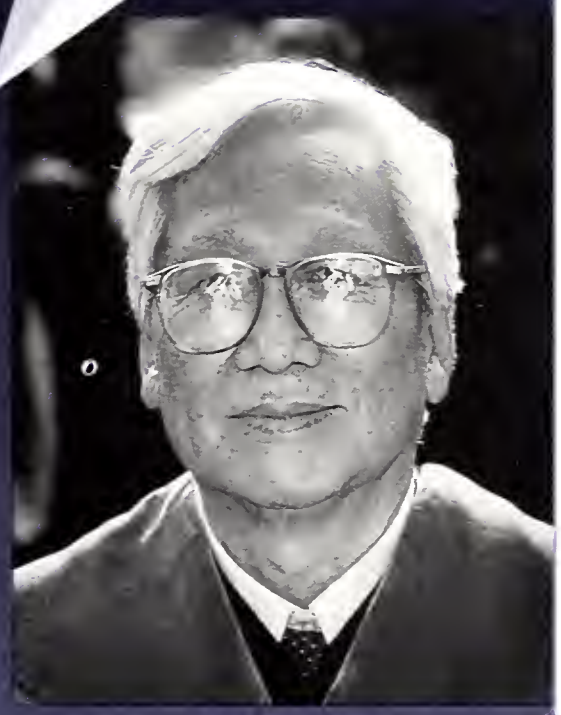
formance instilled in many students an ardent love for Russian pianists, especially Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev. As of yet, the only plans Dr. Lemoine has are to enjoy his retirement and to stay healthy. He relishes having more time to do ordinary things such as reading the paper and taking leisurely walks. "Every day I wake up, I feel that I am a very fortunate person," he says.

Senior Associate Dean Emeritus of Financial Aid Robert U. McDonald had served as the senior associate dean for financial aid at Mary Washington College since 1980. He earned the reputation of "one of Virginia's leading financial aid administrators" through his extensive work in workshops throughout the state. Here at Mary Washington, he expanded the College's financial aid programs by implementing new technologies.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Physics Nikola M. Nikolic, a native of Belgrade, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1962. Seven years later, he joined the physics department at Mary Washington. Nikolic taught a diverse array of courses that included general physics, astronomy and quantum mechanics. He served terms as both chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy and as secretary of the faculty. Nikolic is the author of several published scholarly articles and as a photographer has exhibited his works at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond and the Gallery of Modern Art in Fredericksburg. Nikolic is ambivalent about his retirement; he misses his students and fellow faculty members but loves being able to do whatever he wants. For now, he is planning on just relaxing and occasionally visiting former students in Washington, D.C., and Richmond.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History Key Sun Ryang is a native of Korea who also received his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He came to Mary Washington in 1968 and has never looked back. Ryang is a nationally renowned scholar of eighth- and ninth-century Chinese history, as well as of Korean history. For 17 years he has edited *The Journal of Modern Korean Studies*, a periodical which he established in 1984. By offering a wide range of courses and seminars on Asian history, Ryang has created a solid following for the discipline. He takes great delight in his retirement as it makes him feel "unbound" by his schedule. Ryang will continue editing *The Journal of Modern Korean Studies* and is planning work on three monographs.

Also retiring is Rosemary A. Ingham, the popular professor of theater design at Mary Washington. One of the "most respected costume designers" in the United States, Ingham has published four books on costume design: *The Costume Technician's Handbook* (1980), *The Costume Designer's Handbook* (1982), and *The Pattern Development Handbook* (1988), as collaborations with Liz Covey, and *From Page to Stage: How Theatre Designers Make Connections Between Scripts and Images* (1998) as sole author. She is "absolutely thrilled" at being able to work now as a full-time theater designer. Ingham was a free-lance designer in Utah for the summer and an aspiring novelist. In her spare time, she is revising one of her costume books, conducts master classes and spends time with her family.



Key Sun Ryang

Rosemary A. Ingham

some of

MWC's Summer Programs

An MWC student in front of Mayan ruins in Mexico

Students and faculty from the 2000 trip tour the calcite cliffs at Pamukkale near Denizli, Turkey. The cliffs are white from calcite in the water, and the water is also a hot mineral bath.

Mayan ruins on the Ruta P'uuc visited by MWC students on the Mérida summer school program

Left: Students kick up their heels at the theater in Ephesus. The theater dates from the Hellenistic Period and holds 24,000 people. It is still in use today. Ephesus is the city where Mary, the mother of Jesus, went with John the Apostle after the crucifixion. They lived the remainder of their lives there.

Below: Inside the theater in Ephesus

Students from MWC's four-week study program in Rosenheim, Germany, take a break from their hike up Petersberg, in the Alps just a few minutes by train from Rosenheim.

Students from Mary Washington's "Juli in Rosenheim" on an all-day excursion to Salzburg. Salzburg is a little more than an hour's train ride from Rosenheim. Here the students pose in Mirabel Gardens with the fortified castle, Hohensalzburg, in the background.

Haghia Sophia, in Istanbul, built by the Roman emperor Constantine to designate the center of the world.

Scene from the Act 2 finale of "Lucia di Lammermoor," performed during "Operafest" June 21-22, 2001, in Dodd Auditorium.

Library of Celcius at Ephesus

Summer Programs, continued

Excursion to Theresienstadt and Lidice in the Czech Republic

Twenty-four Mary Washington College students participated in the European Capitals course this past summer. On an excursion from Paris on May 24, the group visited the medieval town of Chartres and its magnificent cathedral (seen in the photo below). On June 5, outside of Prague, the group visited two sites associated with the Nazi occupation from 1940 to 1945. One was the Nazi concentration camp and ghetto at Theresienstadt (in the photo above). The second was the memorial to the Czech town of Lidice, which the Nazis obliterated in retaliation for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich by the Czech resistance in 1942. Nazi police forces shot all male residents of the town over 15 years old, and sent the women and children off to a concentration camp, where most died. The statues in the photograph at the left remember the 82 children from Lidice who were eventually gassed at the Ravensbrück concentration camp. The bronze for the statues came from the remains of statues of former Czechoslovak communist leaders.

Taking Knowledge to the Field:

MWC's field school at Stratford Hall

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Students reveal rubble marking the site of a mid-18th-century building.

It's mid-June, and it's already sticky, Virginia-summertime hot — the type of heat that drives folks inside air-conditioned homes to anxiously watch the news for any signs of cooling weather.

Near Montross, where you can stand in Virginia on one shore of the Potomac and view Maryland, cloaked by summer haze, on the other side, eight students endure the heat for a chance to get out in the field and get hands-on excavation experience as part of Mary Washington College's field school at Stratford Hall Plantation.

MWC Professor Doug Sanford heads the nine-year-old program, and students from accredited schools across the country can apply to take part.

According to Dr. Sanford, the program has several research themes. One relates to learning more about the ever-changing landscape and organization of the plantation while another theme focuses on researching the lives of the more than 300 indentured servants and slaves who lived and worked at Stratford Hall, but whose history is currently largely undocumented.

For six weeks beginning in May, the students live on-site, in cabins that, while nice, are not air-conditioned. Each weekday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., they're out in the field, swatting bugs and taking measurements, watering the ground to keep it soft enough to dig in, and covering the site with sturdy black plastic tarp when the sky warns of rain.

Screening dirt for artifacts is standard archaeological practice.

Stratford Hall mansion and surrounding greenery provide a scenic backdrop to the grassy spot known as "The Oval," where this year's project is to excavate the ruins of a building that sat away from the main house.

Here and there, arms and legs are scraped, which goes pretty much unnoticed. Feet are muddy, folks are sweaty, and the work is just plain dirty. But these students aren't into excavation for the glamour of it.

Using maps made by archaeologist Frasier Nieman, who did a large-scale survey of the plantation in the 1970s, the students laid a grid where they thought the building had been. They used white string and pegs to mark off the blocky area of the small building, and they're exploring the ground where it once stood.

Metal spades dig into reddish-brown dirt, unearthing scorched bricks, plaster, and mortar, which may date back to the 1700s. They're also finding more modern artifacts, including bottle caps from the 1960s and '70s.

Like new mothers and fathers holding newborns, they handle their finds carefully. They keep track of where each item was discovered, and put each piece into well-labeled plastic bags, the sturdy plastic type you put vegetables in to freeze. Eventually, the students will take these items back to Mary Washington to remove years of grime. According to Dr. Sanford, they'll take their finds back to Goolrick Hall, where they'll wash, label, categorize, catalog and analyze the artifacts. Eventually the items, which belong to Stratford but are on loan while being studied, will be returned there, he says.

These budding archaeologists look at the fact that the base of the building was made of bricks — a material that took plenty of manpower and resources to produce — and they deduce by that fact that the structure must have had some importance, otherwise, it probably would've simply been made of wood. They also look at its proximity to the main house, several hundred feet away, since its location could help them relate its function to those of similarly placed buildings on other plantations.

Kate Martin '01 and Jonathan Bernhardt '01

The Lee family mansion at Stratford

Students and staff of the summer 2001 field school

co-supervised this year's field school. The two participated in last year's dig at Stratford Hall, and gained valuable experience, which they were able to pass along to this year's group of students. Jonathan, whose undergraduate major was history, will head to graduate school in the fall, to study historic preservation. Kate, who holds a B.A. degree in historic preservation, will stay on at MWC and work for the Center for Historic Preservation as part of the crew hired to work on the Market Square renovation. That project will restore historic downtown Fredericksburg's Market Square for open-air events.

Kate, who's wearing a large, tan cowboy-style hat to keep the bright sun out of her eyes, unfolds a large map of the site, which shows the area they're working on. She learned drafting techniques while taking classes for her major. She notes some of the different courses offered in the department — classes on planning, architecture, folklore, conservation, and American building — and, looking around the site, it's easy to see how all those classes apply to the Stratford Hall project.

In the future, Dr. Sanford says students will explore other areas of the plantation, and excavate different sites on the grounds.

"The current excavation project — the Oval site — fits into the broader research goal of knowing more about Stratford's evolving landscape and its historic community of African-American slaves, tenant farmers, and other workers," says Dr. Sanford. "These topics are part of Stratford's overall research and public interpretation agenda, and relate to long-standing research objectives for the Center — helping to better understand the landscapes and cultures of the Chesapeake region. The archaeology program at Stratford also fits well with the Center's mission of providing public service related to historic resources, encouraging preservation education and activities, and supporting the academic and professional training of the department's students and graduates."

Above: Students record artifacts from the "clay borrow pit," a large depression where clay was dug for making bricks.

18th-century silver Spanish coin (reale) found at the slave quarters near the mansion

Left: An 18th-century earthenware vessel, likely used for food storage or dairying

And next year, June will probably be just as hot, there'll be new bugs to swat and new information to gather, and Stratford Hall will welcome a new group of students, excited about unearthing the past.

Reunion 2001

These are only a few memories from Reunion Weekend. Please see Class Notes for full details of Reunion Weekend as reported by class agents.

Above: Some members of the Class of 1936
Above left: Cynthia L. Snyder '75, director of alumni relations

Reunion Weekend 2001

1936 We thank Frances Liebenow Armstrong for organizing our 65th reunion. … Reunion Weekend was wonderful! Seven members of our class returned for a memorable weekend. … A delicious luncheon was enjoyed under the tent, where we gathered to recall memories of yesteryear. We attended a superb banquet with tasty food and Ruby Lee Norris' most enjoyable remarks after receiving the Service Award. Frances delivered a most inspiring invocation. Thank you, Frances, for all you've done and continue to do for our class.

Ethel Nelson Wetmore '36

1946 We're "55 and alive!" Translated that means it was our 55th reunion with 16 classmates on hand with greetings, conversations and hilarious memories of our days at MWC. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you. In lieu of your presence, here are a few memorable moments of our fabulous weekend.

We arrived on Friday to a swinging reception at Seacobeck — hors d'oeuvres and drinks. (A bar! At Seacobeck!) Later we rendezvoused at Alvey Hall in Mim Riggs Gay's room, where she regaled us with stories. She recalled having to sing the laundry list. "Hockie" Hockenberry Holden remembers playing in the band, meeting her Blacksburg-native husband and riding the packed trains to New Jersey. … "Sully" Sullivan Vaughn said the best part of the weekend was sitting around talking. Betsy Vaughan Pritchett was up early, checking out the campus in her best jogging style. She remembers sack lunches for supper and dressing in velveteen, hose and heels for Sunday dinner. Ann Briesmaster Robertson, looking lovely, said she enjoyed hearing from classmates. "Wilkie" Wilkerson looked elegant in a royal blue suit at the banquet. You should know that the Wilkerson Pediatric Clinic at the Kenner Army Hospital in Ft. Lee, Va., is named for her. Sue Vick Warren and husband were on hand — but George didn't bring his Glenn Miller records.

Picture a full moon in a midnight blue sky, the soft glow of campus lanterns and the magical lights of luminaries along the walk. That was enough for Gurleen Verlander Jones and "Bobbie" Lee Zehrbach McCoy to head for Palmieri Plaza and the "Last Hurrah," which they reported to be a great affair.

Patricia Mathewson Spring '46

1951 It was a fun time, and we really enjoyed ourselves. You should have seen each of us eyeing the badges with our senior pictures, and then realizing who we were talking to. In other words, some of us had a little trouble recognizing each of the 36 that were there. Some bad weather didn't stop us from getting together. Saturday some of us toured the campus; others went by bus to see the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies — an interesting center. There were also lectures to attend. Our pictures were taken on the steps of Monroe Hall. We then had our reunion picnic and got to eat under the tent since we were the "Golden Girls."

Our class party took place in Ball Hall. Talking and laughing were the orders of the day. Ruth even had to blow the whistle to get our attention. We first remembered all 26 of our classmates who are no longer with us.

Roselyn Bell Morris '51

1961 The overwhelming consensus of opinion on our 40th reunion 2001 was that it was truly amazing! We had a big crowd — final count of attendees was 35 classmates and eight spouses. From Friday night's dinner in Seacobeck to Sunday morning's goodbye breakfast, we could be spotted under a silver balloon sporting a giant '61 carried by our class coordinator, Lloyd Tilton Backstrom.

After dinner everyone went to their motels, and the Best Western rocked! Sue Wilson Sproul's husband had sent a platter of caviar and crackers in honor of their fourth anniversary, and Bill Willing and Walter Scott played housemen — serving caviar and Hubs peanuts and filling our wine glasses. First time reunioner, environmental lawyer, and politician Kay Slaughter had arrived from Charlottesville and found us in our poolside rooms. We were a bit noisy but so happy to all be together.

Saturday morning everyone was off to campus to partake of the tours and informative lectures, which we heard were great. Lloyd, Lynne, Pepper and I, however, cut classes and went antique shopping in charming downtown Fredericksburg. We made it back to campus just in time for the class picture and picnic lunch in Palmieri Plaza in front of Monroe. Sunday found most of us up early and enjoying breakfast in the 50's-style diner at Seacobeck — and then long goodbyes, lots of photo-taking, and everyone was off in different directions filled with warm thoughts and fuzzy feelings, the first-time reunioners wondering why they had not done this before and everyone vowing to get together sooner than the five-year reunion span.

Ann Hopkins Burroughs '61

1966 Our 35th reunion was a great success. …

Alice "Sann" Moore Forry provided us with the most amusing memory during our class meeting. She described the night that she was chosen to drive Maria Von Trapp, after her concert series talk on campus, when she ran out of gas on Rt. 1. The midnight curfew hour soon passed and Sann was terrified at having to explain her predicament to her dorm mother. Maria, empathizing, hopped out of the car, still dressed in full Austrian costume, and suggested she hitchhike the rest of the way to her destination! Alice realized then that she would simply have to wait for help and suffer the consequences, which turned out to be minimal. Alice and husband Fritz have two daughters and have been living in Portsmouth, R.I., for 27 years.

Pat Lewars Pace reduced us all to laughter with her memory of serving as

"whistle blower" junior year. Remember how we were not allowed to walk on the grass? Pat was totally humiliated by having to stand by one of the well-worn shortcuts and blow her assigned whistle if anyone dared to cut campus! The champion bat-chaser was Grace Marie Bamforth Garriott, who confessed to being pressed into service, totally terrified while capturing a bat in the wastebasket and then throwing the entire ensemble out the window. That was quite an accomplishment for a young lady of the '60s, who was accustomed to linen tablecloths, sit-down dinners and a list of approved suitors on file in the dorm! Grace now lives in Virginia Beach, Va., where she continues to teach. She and husband Dick have a son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

The indomitable Ryan Stewart Davis, from Shelton, Wash., reminded us of how her roommates had repeatedly warned her about "that awful Roger Davis" on that fateful Army-Navy weekend shortly after graduation. It turns out that she and Roger have now been married 34 years and work together with an insurance business.

Lee Enos Kelley confessed she hadn't really been the surrogate mother of 15 children, as she claimed at the last reunion, and that she is enjoying life and good health in Washington, D.C., with her husband and her 16-year-old son.

Eileen Perna Thomason reminded us all of the trials and tribulations of passing the swimming requirement for graduation. It seems Miss Arnold had appointed Eileen as lap counter for the final test, and then Eileen had to swim solo while Miss Arnold counted. We could all empathize with that!

Katharine Rogers Lavery '66

1981 Our 20th reunion was a wonderful weekend for all those in attendance, about 45 of our classmates, many of whom had not been back to the College since graduation. The campus was truly beautiful! I heard many comments about how much had changed, all for the better. All those new buildings fit right in and look like they've been there forever!

The weekend was full of activities. Our reunion coordinator, Tom Valente, arranged to have Carl's ice cream at our class party on Saturday afternoon! Needless to say, that event was one of the highlights.

Lori Foster Turley '81

1986 For those of you that missed the 15th reunion, don't miss the 20th! We had a fabulous time — in fact, it was so good that a few members of other classes have decided to adopt the Class of '86! The class party was the highlight of the weekend. Many thanks to those of you who donated to the party fund — your generosity made everything possible. Memorabilia from T-shirts and sweatshirts to *MWC Today* and Junior Ring Week flyers, grad ball and other event posters, photographs and the like decked-out Westmoreland while hours and hours of 80's tunes prepared by Tracy Greener Hollan's husband, Michael, were played. Food and beverages of all kinds fortified our crew, with the highlight of the afternoon culminating in a raffle of goodies from the MWC Bookstore!

Lisa A. Harvey '86

Alumni Awards

BY MONECIA HELTON NAGGS '81 AND CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

This year's Alumni Awards Committee, faced with information on a number of outstanding alumni, had some difficult choices to make. The recipients of the awards are an impressive group of individuals who exemplify the high ideals for which this College stands. They represent diverse careers in education, medicine and law. All are women who are incredibly accomplished academically and professionally, and, in addition, they volunteer their time and expertise to worthy causes.

Bridget Ellen Byrne

Pamela J. White

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to an alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding achievement over time in profession or career, civic activities, or in the arts. This year, the Distinguished Alumnus Award was bestowed upon two extraordinary individuals.

Pamela J. White graduated from Mary Washington College in 1974 and earned a law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1977. Currently a principal with the Ober|Kaler law firm in Baltimore, Pam has just assumed the presidency of the Maryland State Bar Association for 2001-2002. Since 1989, Pam has been actively involved in the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, holding virtually every office available in that organization. She is a member of the Maryland Bar Foundation Board of Directors and was recognized as one of "Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2000" by the *Daily Record*, a publication focusing on business and law. Pam also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at Washington and Lee University, and was the recipient of their Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994. In her spare time, Pam is a platelets donor and is on the board of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.

The second Distinguished Alumnus is Bridget Ellen Byrne '76. Ellen — as she is called by her friends and family — went on to receive her pharmacy degree at the Medical College of Virginia in 1977. In 1983 she graduated from the

ALUMNI AWARDS

Brenda Anne Bradshaw

MCV School of Dentistry. In 1991 Ellen received a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology. She is widely published and is recognized as a leading authority in the field of pharmacology. Since her graduation from MCV, Ellen has been a distinguished member of the MCV faculty and currently is an associate professor in the department of endodontics. Her professional accomplishments are all the more awe-inspiring when one understands that Ellen has also been able to maintain active participation in volunteer activities in addition to actively raising three children. Perhaps quoting a portion of the letter of nomination that was submitted by Ellen's friend and colleague, Theresa Young Crawley '77, can better sum up Ellen's achievements:

"Mary Washington College can be proud to count Ellen among its alumni. Her achievements, both in scope and merit, have affected most positively the lives of not just the students in her own classroom or clinic (and consequently their patients), but dental students throughout the United States, and the consumers of dental products and services throughout the world. Very few persons ever have the opportunity to make the Big World a better place, and Ellen has made the most of that opportunity."

The Young Alumnus Merit Award is presented to an alumnus within 15 years of the date of graduation who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in professional or career activities, civic involvement, or in the arts.

Brenda Anne Bradshaw graduated from Mary Washington College in 1992 and then attended medical school at the University of Virginia. After completing the pediatric residency program at Duke University in 1999, Anne moved to Tappahannock, Va., to begin a pediatrics practice in the underserved rural Northern Neck region. Having only been in the area for a short time, Anne has already had a tremendous impact on local families. Known not only for her kind and gentle bedside manner with the children who visit her office, she has the unheard-of reputation for calling concerned mothers late in the evening — long after office operations have shut down for the day — just to check on a little one who visited her earlier in the day with strep throat or an ear infection. She also serves the community in many volunteer capacities. She is a member of Essex County Junior Woman's Club and serves as chair of their education committee. She is the vice president of the Northern Neck Head Start Health Advisory Board and regularly presents seminars and lectures to Northern Neck schools and community events.

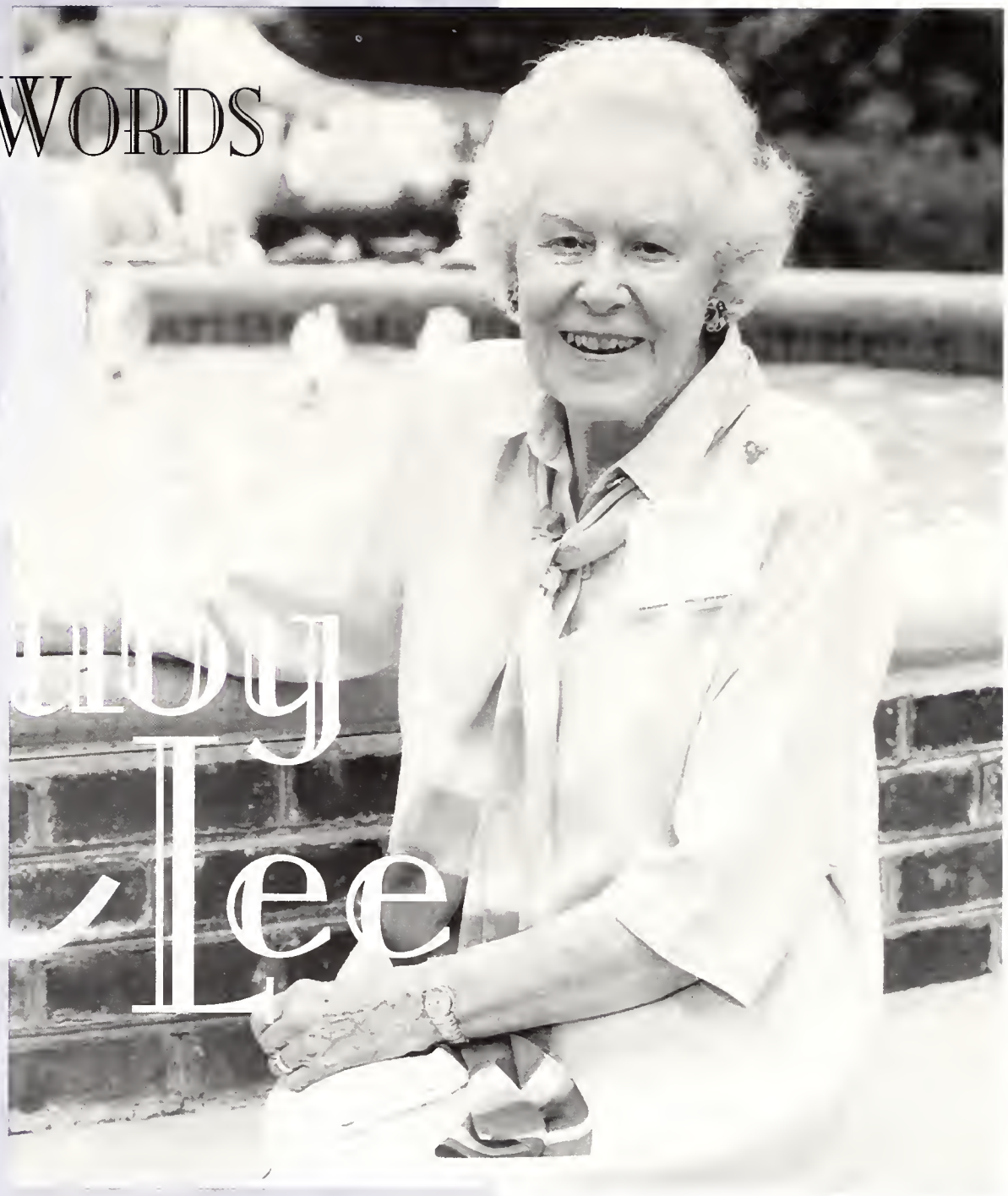
The Mary Washington College Service Award is presented to an alumnus who has provided outstanding and continuous service to the College and/or the Alumni Association. This year's recipient easily falls into both of these categories. Ruby Lee Norris graduated from Mary Washington College in 1936 with a B.S. in secondary education. She later received a master's degree in humanities from the University of Richmond in 1972. For over 50 years, Ruby Lee worked in the field of secondary and elementary public education. As a teacher, an assistant principal, a humanities specialist and creative writing specialist, she had a tremendous impact on the lives of countless children. Since her retirement, she has been actively involved with the Virginia and Chesapeake Bay Writers Clubs, the Central Middlesex Citizens Association, Episcopal Church Women, Middlesex County Library Board, and the American Cancer Society, just to name a few. In 1986, Ruby Lee received MWC's Distinguished Alumnus Award. She continues to write and is widely published. If you're ever in the Tidewater region of Virginia, be sure to pick up a copy of *Pleasant Living* magazine — Ruby Lee has always got a delightful article published.

However all of these activities put together do not hold a candle to the commitment and dedication that Ruby Lee has selflessly given to her alma mater. Ruby Lee was a member of the Mary Washington College Alumni Association Board of Directors and served as the Golden Club president. She is a member of the Foundation Board and has served on countless scholarship and class reunion committees for many years. In 1997, she was appointed to the MWC Board of Visitors by Governor George Allen and served until her term was completed in 2000. During that time, Ruby Lee chaired the Historic Properties Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee. In 1999 Ruby Lee endowed a scholarship at Mary Washington College to benefit students who would not ordinarily be able to afford a college education.

Monecia Helton Naggs '81 is the alumni awards committee chair.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is director of alumni relations at MWC.

In Her Own Words



As I accept this award, I represent all alumni who, because of their loyalty, meet the criteria for this recognition.

One thing that unites us is the unique Mary Washington spirit that imbued us as undergraduates during our four years here. Sixty-five years later the same spirit prevails among students. I know. I have been on campus, in classes and in meetings with them. Their dreams and sights are set high. They plan to continue the life of excellence and service they are learning about on this campus.

My letter from the alumni board spoke of my contributions to Mary Washington. I thought that I would turn that statement around and talk a minute or two about some of Mary Washington's contributions to my maturity. Just to mention a few, I learned *ingenuity* and *survival* in a strictly monitored girls dormitory; *frugality* by working for spending money; *manners* from Mrs. Bushnell; *importance of proper attire* from Dr. Combs; *humility* when I walked home for Christmas in the snow in my father's knee boots; *music of the English language* in Shakespeare class.

Briefly, I will relate an anecdote to illustrate [each one].

Ingenuity and *survival*: Lights out at 10 p.m. and rooms checked by the housemother — by the way, my Microsoft Word rejected the term "housemother." Lights left on in the hall and bathroom. Take a pillow and blanket, creep down the hall, tuck yourself in the bathtub and finish studying for next day's assignments.

Frugality: Save enough spending money to buy a chocolate nut sundae for 45 cents at Goolrick's Drug Store on Saturday afternoon.

Manners: A lady crosses her ankles, not her knees, Mrs. Bushnell informs us.

Proper public appearance: Several girls caught downtown without hats and gloves on Sunday. Campus-wide convocation called Monday morning by President Combs who proclaimed, "Every woman should make herself as beautiful as possible every day!"

Humility: (I thought that when I came home for my first vacation, there would be a big welcoming celebration.) First day of winter vacation. Snowstorm prevents cars from traveling from Middlesex to Fredericksburg. Take Hilldrup taxi to the Fredericksburg train station; buy a ticket to Richmond with your last penny. In Richmond, ask the driver of the Bristow bus line to let you ride to Middlesex. Father collects you c.o.d. Walk in 12 inches of snow (and humility) from bus down the lane to your home in your father's knee boots.

Music of the English language: Dr. Shankle was a terror — crusty and abrupt — who stopped everything when you sneaked into the back row of class a minute or two late, to say "Old Sister, you are late!" But in his Shakespeare class I heard wonderful words like,

> *"But, look, the morn in russet*
> *mantle clad*
> *walks o'er the dew of yon*
> *eastward hill,"* and
>
> *"Now breaks a noble heart.*
> *Good night, sweet prince*
> *And flights of angels sing*
> *Thee to thy rest."*

That leads me to say that the tradition of offering a good liberal arts education was there, even as we were classified as a teachers college in those days — Fredericksburg State Teachers College. In world history class, Dr. Darter predicted that by the end of the 20th century we would have trouble with China. Dr. Cooke in chemistry warned us that when the atom was split — maybe one of us might do it, he suggested — it would change the world.

As I reflect over life since 1936, I am both thrilled and saddened by how our world has changed. All of you know that Mary Washington equipped us to participate successfully in that change.

We suffered and survived the Second World War and all wars since. We devoted years to productive careers; we traveled at home and abroad to see a bit of the world. When we married, we introduced our spouses to our college friends, who are lifelong friends now. Always we contribute to college affairs where alumni from all decades meet, and wider, broader friendships are made. Every year our lives are richer because we belong to this community where the unique spirit of Mary Washington College endures.

Remarks at Reunion banquet June 2, 2001, by Ruby Lee Norris '36

WOMEN'S LACROSSE TO FINAL FOUR

BY CLINT OFTEN

The Mary Washington College women's lacrosse team advanced to the NCAA Division III National Championship Final Four in 2001, for the first time ever. The Eagles, who defeated Washington & Lee University and Salisbury University to advance to the Final Four, were defeated by eventual champion Middlebury College in the national semifinals, 14-4. Senior goalkeeper Heather Carter registered 21 saves in the game, the fifth-highest save total in the championship's history. The championships were played at Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Field in Baltimore.

Coach Dana Hall's program has become one of the best in the nation, finishing with a national ranking of third after a final mark of fifth a year ago. Seniors Kate Weller and Bridget Geiman repeated as first team All-Americans, while junior Briana Gervat, who scored twice in the national semifinal, was also selected as All-American. Weller, Geiman, and Jenni Foy were selected to play in the National North-South Senior All-Star Game, played in Baltimore in late May. The Eagles set school records for scoring and victories in 2001.

Clint Often is sports information director at MWC.

Above left: National Defender of the Year Kate Weller '01

Seniors accept Championship Semifinalist trophy.

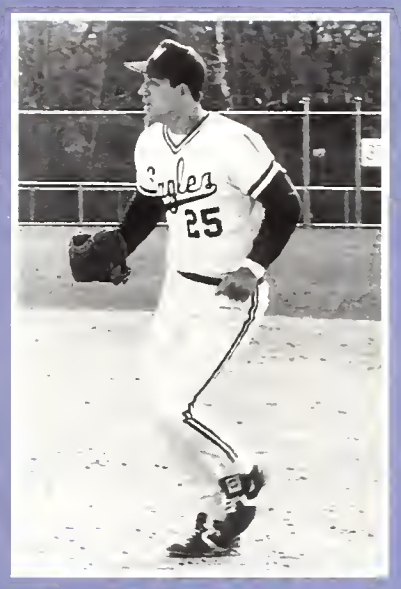
Briana Gervat '02

HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES

BY [illegible]

Former Mary Washington College athletes Dan Beverly '91 of Fredericksburg, Va., Kim Cosgriff Hart '91 of Platteville, Wis., and David Lausten '90 of Fredericksburg, Va., join MWC's 1991 NCAA national champion women's tennis team as the sixth induction class in the MWC Athletic Hall of Fame this autumn.

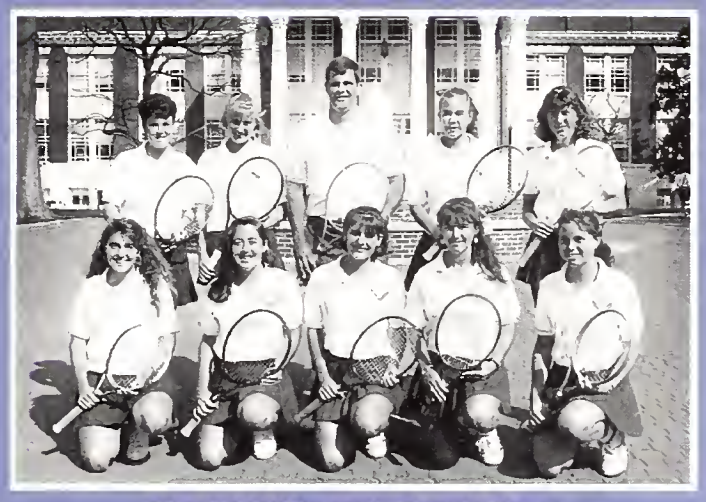
Dan Beverly was one of the top hitters in the history of NCAA Division III baseball, ending his career with a .460 batting average, which still ranks as the 10th highest average in NCAA Division III history. A 1991 graduate of MWC, Beverly was named all-conference, all-region and all-state during his career, and was also named the ECAC South Region and Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 1991. A B.A. graduate from MWC with a degree in Spanish, Beverly was president and co-founder of MWC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is currently employed as a Spanish teacher at Brooke Point High School and serves as youth pastor at Grace Church of Fredericksburg. He is also active in coaching and teaching baseball, and is an annual instructor at Mary Washington's baseball camps.



Dan Beverly '91

Kim Cosgriff '91

David Lausten '90


The 1991 Women's Tennis Team

Kim Cosgriff was unquestionably one of the most successful and decorated runners in school history. A four-year competitor for the Eagles' cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field teams, she earned All-America honors five times during her career. In the spring of 1990, she finished in fifth place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 5,000 meters, and followed that performance with cross country All-America honors in the autumn. The 1991 indoor season saw Cosgriff claim All-America honors after a third place finish in the 5K, and she finished her career by winning All-America honors in both the 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters at outdoor nationals, placing third and second in those races, respectively. Since graduating from MWC with a B.S. in biology, she has worked as a volunteer assistant track coach, run in many road races, and is now a full-time mother of one daughter, and is expecting another child in November.

David Lausten was the top goal-scorer during a period when MWC became a national power in men's soccer, from 1986-89. His 20 goals in 1988 is still tied for the most goals in a season in school history, and he was the main finisher on three consecutive teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament (1987-89). Lausten was named a VISA all-star in 1988 and 1989, and also earned all-region and all-VISA honors in 1988. A tri-captain his senior year, Lausten is also second in school history in season points scored. Since graduating from MWC, Lausten has served as a coach in Fredericksburg area soccer, and is currently a teacher and coach in Stafford County. He is also an assistant coach at Chancellor High School and for the Stafford United travel team.

The 1991 women's tennis team, consisting of nine members, won the 1991 NCAA Division III National Championship with an 18-5 overall record, including a 14-0 mark against Division III schools. Members of the team included Christy Copper, Laura Graham, Susan Myers, Jen Wheeler, Anna Jackson, Leslie Roland, Ellen deBarbadillo, Deanna Moore, and Maggie Crouse. The team opened the year with a perfect 8-0 record in fall dual matches, including wins over Division I American, George Mason and Radford. The Eagles dropped five dual matches to Division I schools over a four-week period while Copper and Jackson were out with injuries, but ended the year with nine consecutive wins. Highlighted in the NCAA Tournament were three intense matches against Kenyon, UC-San Diego and Gustavus Adolphus. MWC won all three matches by narrow 5-4 scores to become NCAA Champions for the second time in four years.

MWC Recognized for Excellence in Fund Raising

From left: Dr. Jack Ohle, chair of CASE Board of Trustees; Dr. Ronald E. Singleton; and Dr. Vance T. Peterson, CASE President

Mary Washington College has been recognized for "Overall Excellence" in educational fund raising by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Out of the 1,200 eligible institutions, the College was selected as one of the top 43 for its development efforts.

The awards are based on information submitted to the Council for Aid to Education (CAE) in its annual "Voluntary Support of Education" survey. All CASE member institutions are automatically eligible for the award provided they have participated in the CAE survey for the past three years.

The College's recent "Arrington Challenge Campaign," and an exceedingly high degree of alumni participation, have contributed, in large part, to the tremendous growth in development at MWC over the last few years.

Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations, accepted the award on behalf of Mary Washington College on July 2 in San Francisco at the CASE Philanthropy Commission luncheon. "It is gratifying to see alumni and friends of Mary Washington College recognized nationally for their support of the College," commented Dr. Singleton. "We have long been recognized for having one of the most loyal and dedicated alumni constituencies of any public college or university in the country, and this award gives further acknowledgment of that fact.

"It was a wonderful experience to be in San Francisco with other winners, including Harvard, Duke and Stanford Universities and to see Mary Washington College's alumni and friends honored for their support and achievements."

Mystery Author Philip Craig Visits MWC

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

The truth of author Philip Craig's youth reads like that of a character in a fictional Colorado settlement: He grew up on a cattle ranch, in a home with no electricity or running water, and attended a one-room school with few books.

Today, the white-and-pepper-haired man is author of a series of action-packed mystery novels, set in the place where he now lives — Martha's Vineyard — a far cry from small-town Colorado and the poverty from which he came.

But Craig's success is no mystery. In April, as he spoke to the President's Book Club about the 20-year span between the publication of his first novel and that of his second — including all the novels that publishers rejected during that in-between time — it became apparent that Craig possessed two key qualities: he simply enjoyed writing, and he was persistent.

Craig said writers must love the craft, as most don't achieve tremendous financial success. With the advance from his first book, for example, he and his wife, Shirley, purchased a rug. He also noted the rare achievement of fellow mystery writer Mary Higgins Clark who, he said, recently signed a multi-million dollar contract.

"I was going to change my name to Philip Higgins Clark," he joked.

Craig holds a degree in religion and philosophy from Boston University, and an MFA in creative writing from the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop. He is author of *Gate of Ivory, Gate of Horn*, and a series of 11 mysteries which feature fictional hero J.W. Jackson. In addition to writing, Philip and his wife are avid travelers, and enjoy visiting sites of ancient civilizations. They recently went on safari in Zimbabwe and Botswana.

Old friends catch up at the President's Book Club. From left, Jathan N. Stone, Philip Craig and Rita Morgan Stone '52

Senate Recognizes the MWC Debate Team for Excellence

MWC's 2000-2001 Policy Debate Team

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Commending the Mary Washington College debate team.

Patrons--Chichester and Houck; Delegates: Howell and Orrock

Agreed to by the Senate, April 12, 2001
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 18, 2001

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington College debate team earned a first-place finish in the national championship, novice division, of the American Debate Association's debate tournament on March 16-18, 2001; and

WHEREAS, finishing first in a national competition for the first time, the Mary Washington College debate team defeated teams from Boston College, West Virginia University, Miami University of Ohio, and Catholic University; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington College debate coach, Timothy M. O'Donnell, director of debate and assistant professor of speech, was awarded the American Debate Association's prestigious Lambert Award, which is given to an outstanding debate coach for service to the association and excellence in coaching; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Washington College debate team consistently has been ranked as one of the top ten programs in the nation during the 2000-2001 season; and

WHEREAS, six times in the past ten years, the Mary Washington College debate team has qualified for the National Debate Tournament, known as the most elite and competitive event in collegiate debate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly recognize the Mary Washington College debate team for its consistent excellence in national competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Coach Timothy M. O'Donnell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the championship performance of the Mary Washington College debate team.

Susan Clarke Schaar
Clerk of the Senate

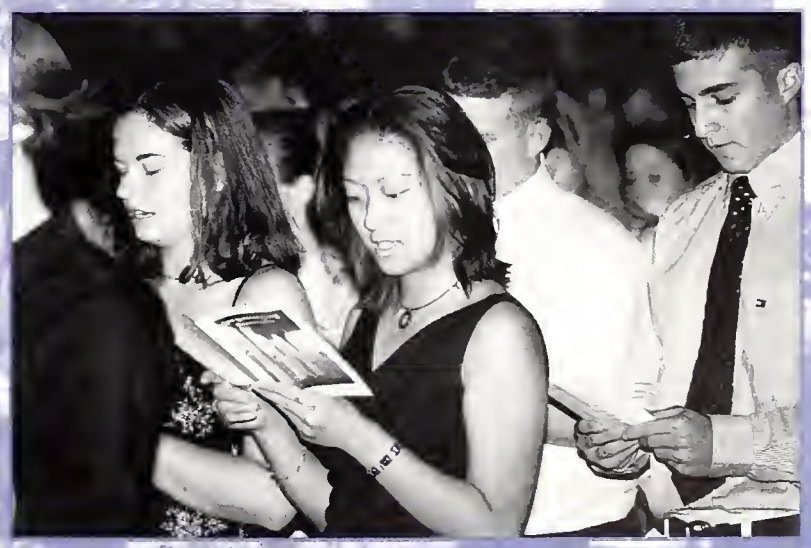
Consistently ranked as a top 10 program in the nation for the 2000-2001 season, MWC's Debate Team captured a first-place finish in the national championship, novice division of the American Debate Association's tournament.

Coach Timothy M. O'Donnell was also awarded the prestigious Lambert Award by the American Debate Association.

MOVE-IN

The academic year began on Monday, August 27, 2001, preceded by days abuzz with the activity of moving in. Freshmen came first, and, after departure of families, took part in get-acquainted activities and games. Returning students arrived on the weekend and all were invited to a Fredericksburg Business Welcome in Ball Circle. Honor Convocation took place in Dodd Auditorium, with Distinguished Alumnus Pamela J. White '74 as featured speaker. After Monday's classes, students gathered in Ball Circle for Club Carnival — an event that showcases MWC's student clubs and organizations, and highlights opportunities to get involved on campus.

CLUB CARNIVAL



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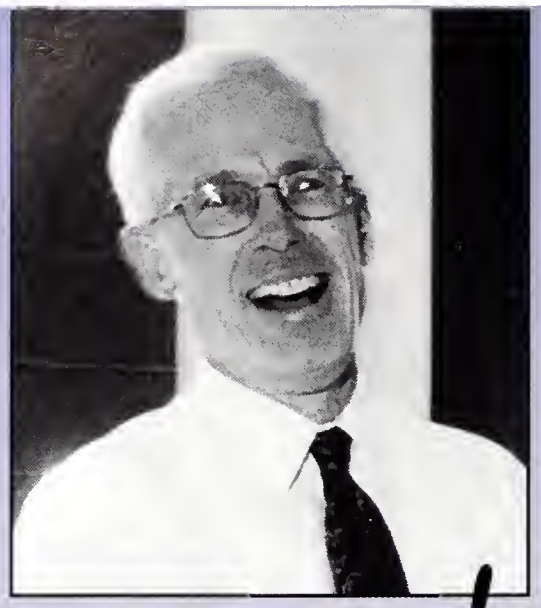


Richard Sharp Executive-in-Residence

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Before it was even *possible* to go online and buy TVs and computers, Circuit City was a household name. Today the company has taken up residence at a cyberspace address — www.circuitcity.com. But in addition to ordering products online, customers can also check the site to see if items they're looking for are in stock at real-world Circuit City locations near their hometowns. This, says Circuit City Chairman Richard Sharp, allows customers to interact with knowledgeable staff, and it allows Circuit City to do what they do best: assist customers.

Sharp, founder of Applied Systems Corporation, narrated his journey from small-business owner to chairman of a multi-million dollar company when he visited MWC April 18 as Executive-in-Residence.

He shared with students the ins and outs of managing a growing company, and even took on bulls and bears, as he spoke about the recent ups and downs of the stock market. Sharp also fielded questions on topics ranging from how to flow with the rapid pace of change in today's business world to how to train future leaders.

Established in 1989, the Executive-in-Residence program is intended to provide students from all academic disciplines of the College with an opportunity to interact with well-known and established leaders in the corporate world.

Louise Massare Martin (left) and Professor Robert Rycroft

★★★ National Prize ★★★

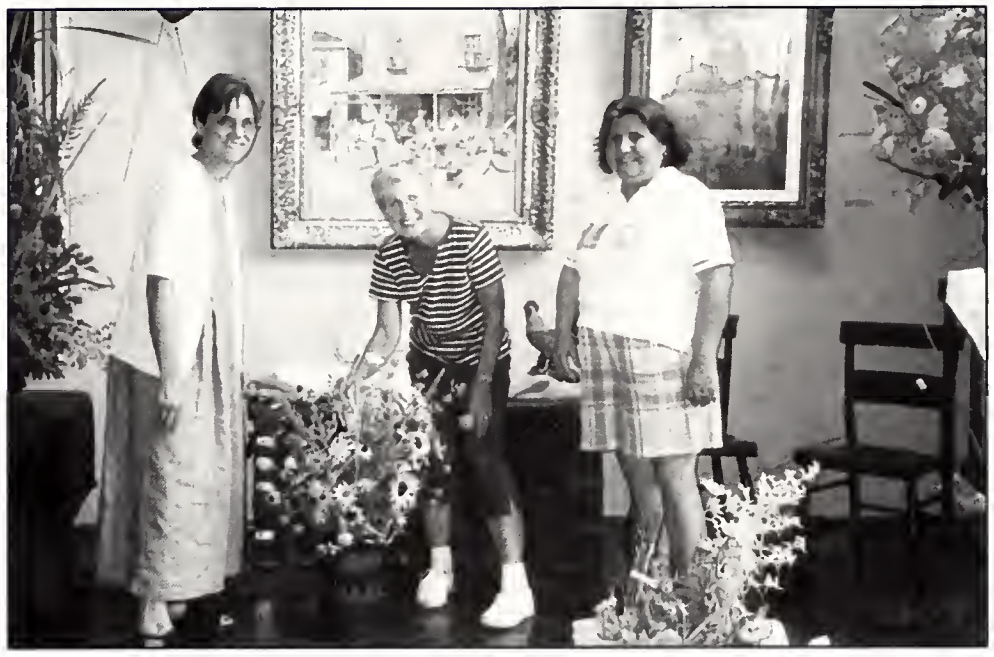
Students in Professor Robert Rycroft's Public Finance class participated in a college student essay contest sponsored by the Americanism Educational League. MWC junior Louise Massare Martin of Dumfries, Va., won second prize — in the nation — and received a check for $2,500. The topic was "Why Do Educational Vouchers Equate with the Basic Freedom of Choice?"

MWC Lacrosse Guide Earns National Award

A guide to the 2001 Mary Washington College women's lacrosse team has earned third place in a national contest sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The guide, which also received "Best Cover" honors, was created by Clinton J. Often, sports information director at Mary Washington College.

The 32-page publication was entered in the "Single Sport Guide" category for preseason publications that are produced once a year and have a primary purpose of providing information to the media. The guide features team statistics, player profiles and program history. The award-winning cover features All-Americans Bridget Geiman, Kate Weller and Jenni Foy, all three of whom graduated from the College in May 2001 following their appearance in the NCAA Final Four.

Restored Belmont Studio Hosts Floral Display



The studio building at Belmont, The Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, reopened to the public in July. The studio was closed for 18 months for extensive renovations to the climate control systems, and for historical restoration of the 77-year-old structure, which was built as a workspace and gallery by artist Gari Melchers in 1924.

The restoration included a new heating and cooling system to provide better environmental controls for the paintings housed in the building, as well as new windows, skylights and track lighting designed to protect the artworks from the deteriorating effects of direct sunlight and uncontrolled incandescent lighting. A new slate roof, new floors and plaster restoration were also included in the $1.2 million project, which was funded by a combination of state capital appropriations, grants from foundations, and individual donations.

To celebrate the reopening of the studio building, Belmont, in conjunction with the Fredericksburg Area Council of Garden Clubs and the "First Saturdays in the Garden" program, hosted a series of activities at the property on Aug. 4.

The public was invited to view "Arts and Flowers," an exhibit featuring a selection of 13 floral interpretations of impressionist paintings by Melchers. A representative from each group in the Fredericksburg Area Council of Garden Clubs studied an assigned painting and planned a floral design strategy. The completed arrangement was placed next to Melchers' painting. Awards for the best floral interpretations were presented, based on popular vote. "Arts and Flowers" has become a favorite event at the historic site.

The idea for the show came from a local garden club member who made an arrangement for a similar show at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. She recognized that Melchers' extensive art collection at Belmont could provide floral designers with unlimited inspiration in terms of variety of subject, brilliant color and local history.

In addition to the "Arts and Flowers" program, professional florists stationed themselves in the gardens at Belmont to share their secrets on how to make arrangements. The Belmont Master Gardeners also were on hand to answer questions on how to develop and maintain cutting gardens. Volunteers provided guided tours of the gardens, as well as the wildlife habitat area now in its second season. Members of the Fredericksburg Chapter of the Virginia Native Flowers Society were available to provide information and answer questions.

"First Saturdays in the Garden," a monthly horticultural program spotlighting private and historic gardens in the Fredericksburg area, is organized by local historic sites and gardeners, together with Master Gardeners and the Stafford County Virginia Cooperative Extension Office.

Belmont, a 27-acre estate and former residence of the artist Gari Melchers, is owned by the state of Virginia and is administered by Mary Washington College. The property is a National and a Virginia Historic Landmark and is open to visitors year-round. Belmont is located at 224 Washington Street, in Falmouth, Va., a quarter mile west of the intersection of U.S. 1 and U.S. 17.

Combs Hall Groundbreaking

President Anderson and the Board of Visitors marked the onset of the Combs Hall renovation with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Ernest C. Ackermann, professor of computer science, and Karen P. Hartman, library director for the James Monroe Center, are the authors of *Internet and Web Essentials: What You Need to Know*, which was published by Franklin, Beedle & Associates in 2000.

Jack Bales, reference and humanities librarian at MWC, as well as a writer (*Kenneth Roberts: The Man and His Works*, *Esther Forbes*) and book collector, joined other notable authors in Yazoo, Miss., for a day-long tribute to the late Willie Morris (*My Dog Skip*, *North Toward Home*, *New York Days*). Bales began corresponding with Willie Morris shortly after the publication of *My Dog Skip*. They exchanged hundreds of letters, numerous phone calls, and several visits. During a 1997 trip to Mississippi, Bales pored over most of Willie's 17,000 letters, manuscripts, articles, books, and other documents in the University of Mississippi's Department of Archives and Special Collections. In 2000, University Press of Mississippi published Bales' volume of interviews and profiles, *Conversations with Willie Morris*. The May program was presented by friends of Willie Morris, under the auspices of Yazoo Arts and Cultural Alliance.

Jenifer L. Blair, dean of undergraduate admissions, was elected president-elect of the Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers at the VACRAO conference in Richmond, Va.

Dawn S. Bowen, assistant professor of geography, participated in a roundtable discussion of the formation of western (Canadian) identities at the ACSUS-in-Canada colloquium in Calgary, Alberta. She is the author of "Richmond's African-American Commercial District: The Rise and Decline of 'The Deuce,' " which will appear in the 2001 *Pioneer America Society Transactions*. A second article, "*Die Auswanderung:* Religion, Culture, and Migration among Old Colony Mennonites," will be published in the *Canadian Geographer* later this year. Dr. Bowen also delivered an invited lecture to the Historical Geography Research Group of the Institute of British Geographers in Plymouth, England. Her presentation, "Forward to a Farm: Canada's Back-to-the-Land Movement in the Great Depression," was part of a special symposium on the exploration of British colonial possessions. In addition, she traveled to Belize with one of her honors students to conduct field research among the Garifuna people.

Yuan-Jen Chiang, associate professor of mathematics, is the co-author of a paper titled "2-Harmonic Maps Between V-Manifolds," which was published in the *Journal of Mathematics, China*, summer 2000. The project was supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation of China. The paper was also presented at an American Mathematical Society meeting this summer.

Dawn S. Bowen's research took her to land that was recently logged in preparation for agricultural development in Blue Hills, Alberta, Canada.

Marlena C. DeLong, assistant editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, was accepted to attend the Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, which is sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, at the University of Wisconsin in June.

Erin Hogan Fouberg, assistant professor of geography, served as a guest co-editor for the September/October 2000 issue of the *Journal of Geography*. The issue focused on using education theory in geographic education research. Dr. Fouberg also authored "Concept Learning Through Writing for Learning: Using Journals in an Introductory Geography Course," which appeared in the journal.

Liane R. Houghtalin, assistant professor of classics, presented a paper titled "Role-Playing Romans" at the 80th anniversary meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South — The Southern Section, held in Athens, Ga.

Pamela J. Hopkins, associate professor of leadership and management at the James Monroe Center, was one of three members on a panel to discuss *Systems Thinking: Ackoff, History, and Worldviews* at the Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management (IBAM) Conference in San Diego, Calif. As the past president of IBAM, Dr. Hopkins also is a member of the board of directors. In addition, Dr. Hopkins and her husband, Old Dominion University Professor Paul Stepanovich, have had their research on the emotional impact of the workplace reported in several national newspapers, including the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Virginian-Pilot*, *Winnipeg Free Press*, *The Salt Lake Tribune* and the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. Dr. Hopkins and her husband were also featured in June on the public radio program "With Good Reason." The topic of the program was "Take This Job and Love It," which offered a list of signs to determine whether or not a workplace is psychologically and emotionally "healthy."

Suzanne G. Houff, assistant professor of education; Adrienne C. May, associate professor of education; Leslie Jo Tyler, assistant professor of teaching English as a second language; Brenda E. Vogel, professor and director of teacher education; and Harold S. Wright, assistant professor of education — all faculty at the James Monroe Center, gave a presentation at the Longwood Conference on teaching and learning. The title of the presentation was "Critical Reflection and the Nontraditional Learner."

Debra L. Hydorn and Suzanne Sumner, both associate professors of mathematics, presented a case study on their course, "Introduction to Mathematical Modeling," at the Project Kaleidoscope National Conference held in Tucson, Ariz. Their proposal was chosen as the best from across the country under the category, "Ensuring the Success of All Students — Pedagogies that Work."

Christopher T. Kilmartin, professor of

psychology, is the author of *Sexual Assault in Context: Teaching College Men About Gender*, which was published in November 2000.

Michael J. Klein, archaeological investigator for the Center for Historic Preservation, presented "CRM, Education, and the Craft of Archaeology at Mary Washington College's Center for Historic Preservation" at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology held in Long Beach, Calif. He also presented "Discovering Sites Unseen, Excavating Unforeseen Sites," at the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference in Ocean City, Md.

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, presented papers at three scholarly conferences. He delivered "The Troubled State of Nuclear Power in Eastern Europe" at the World Congress of Central and East European Studies in Tampere, Finland; "Drug Abuse in Post-Communist Russia," at the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies held in Denver, Colo.; and "EU Enlargement and the Environment in Eastern Europe" at the annual meeting of the British International Studies Association in Bradford, U.K.

John D. MacIsaac, senior lecturer in classics, delivered a paper, "An Imperial Benefaction to Corinth, ca. A.D. 380," at the Archaeological Institute of America held in San Diego, Calif.

Robert L. McConnell, professor of environmental science and geology, presented his research, "Should Environmental Advocacy Be Taught," at the 112th Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America.

Thomas G. Moeller, professor of psychology, has written *Youth Aggression and Violence: A Psychological Perspective*, a book published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, N.J.

Lorene C. Nickel, professor of art, and Joseph Detwiler, adjunct faculty member in the art department, each had a piece selected for inclusion in the "Sixth Taiwan Golden Ceramics Awards" at the Taipei County Yingko Ceramic Museum in Taipei, Taiwan. Their work also was featured in the "7th Biennale de la Ceramique" in Andenne, Belgium.

Deborah A. O'Dell, associate professor of biology, presented a paper, "Retinoic Acid is Present in the Caudate Putamen of Mice," at the annual meeting of the Society For Neuroscience held in New Orleans, La.

Wendy L. Price, assistant professor of historic preservation, presented a session titled "Preservation Planning: It's More Than Saving Old Buildings" at the 2000 Virginia Institute for Planning Commissioners, sponsored by Virginia Tech. She also was a featured speaker at a Certified Local Government Training Workshop sponsored by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources where she spoke on "Preservation Law: Process and Procedure." Further, Ms. Price was reappointed to the Virginia State Review Board, which is responsible for recommending the nomination of Virginia historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places. She also has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Citizens Planning Association.

Deborah A. O'Dell, associate professor of biology, in a Jepson Hall lab

Jennifer A. Polack-Wahl, assistant professor of computer science, presented, "Advancing Women's Careers by Improving Communication Skills at the Undergraduate Level" at the New Frontiers New Traditions Conference in Newfoundland, Canada. The paper was published in *New Frontiers, New Traditions Conference Information and Proceedings*, eighth in the series of Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (CCWest). In addition, she presented "It is Time to Stand and Communicate," at the Frontiers in Education Conference in Kansas City. This paper was published on the *Frontiers in Education Conference* CD-ROM and program produced by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. (IEEE). Dr. Polack also was awarded a National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA) Grant to support invention, innovation and entrepreneurship in higher education for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Warren G. Rochelle, assistant professor of English, organized and chaired a panel, "The Future as Metaphor: Science Fiction and the New Millennium," at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) conference in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Rochelle also presented a paper titled "Composing Community, a Composition Community, A Community of Composers: The Rhetoric of 101 Syllabi," at the 52nd Annual Conference on College Composition and Communication held in Denver, Colo. He is the author of *Communities of the Heart: The Rhetoric of Myth in the Fiction of Ursula K. Le Guin* published this spring by the Liverpool University Press, Liverpool, UK.

Douglas W. Sanford, associate professor of historic preservation, presented a paper, "Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Archaeology at Mary Washington College," at the Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology held in Long Beach, Calif. The annual conference is the national meeting for the Society for Historical Archaeology and the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology. This paper addressed the nature of undergraduate archaeological education in a non-traditional realm, historic preservation, and compared it to the more typical experience of students in anthropology programs across the state of Virginia.

Brenda D. Sloan, special collections librarian, was invited by Congressman John Lewis to attend the 40th anniversary of the Freedom Riders. James Farmer, who organized and led the May 1961 pilgrimage, and John Lewis were among the original 13 riders who departed from Washington, D.C., to test integration on buses, eating facilities and rest stops. The

Ride to Freedom 2001 commemoration began in Washington, D.C., with events in Atlanta, Ga., Anniston, Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala.

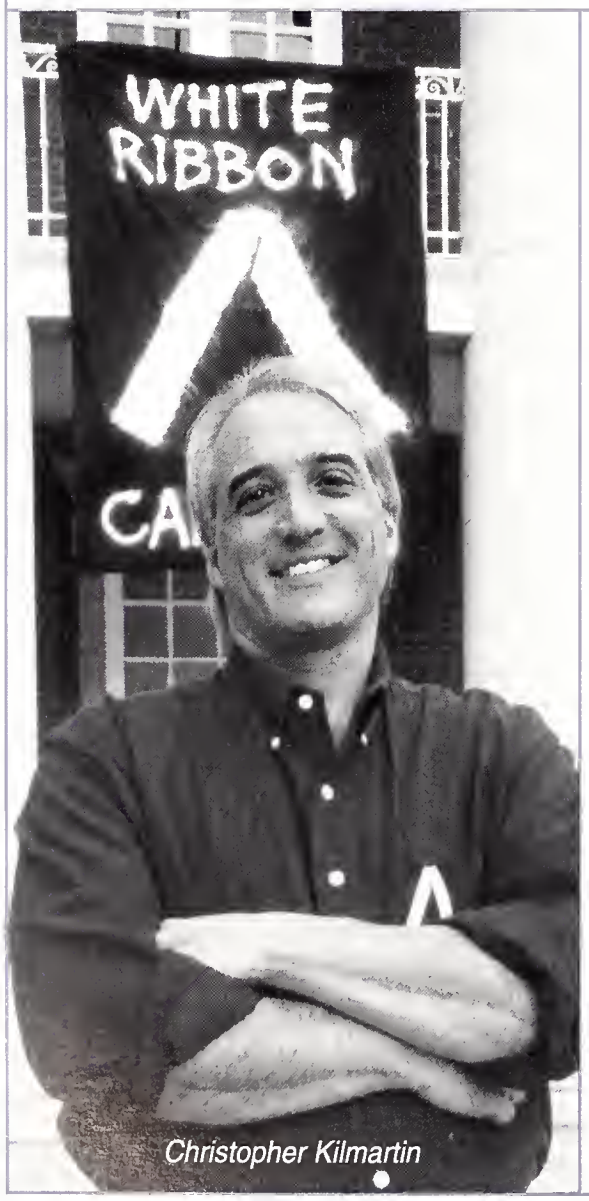
Thomas P. Somma, director of the Mary Washington College Galleries, discussed public sculpture on the radio program "With Good Reason," a program which explored Leonardo da Vinci's design for a bronze statue of a horse and the significance of equestrian images.

A. Blair Staley, assistant professor of leadership and management at the James Monroe Center, served as paper reviewer for the Management History Division of the Academy of Management for the Academy's 61st annual meeting. In addition, Dr. Staley passed the "Certified in Financial Management Examination." The Certified in Financial Management Program is designed to recognize the unique qualifications in management accounting and financial management.

Leslie Jo Tyler, assistant professor of teaching English as a second language at the James Monroe Center, presented a paper at the South East Conference on Linguistics titled "Creativity versus Coherence: Toward a Post-Lexicalist Definition of Derivational Productivity."

Esther Lee Yook, director of the speaking center, presented two papers at the National Communication Association conference in Seattle: "Service-Learning for Conceptual Community Bridges" and "Student Perceptions of Benefits and Drawbacks of a Sheltered-Speech Performance Course." In addition, she chaired a panel on "Korean American Cross-Cultural Analyses: Communication in Interpersonal, Instructional, and Mass Mediated Contexts." She also is a co-author of an article titled "Conflict Across Ethnic Borders: An Investigation of the Mutual Stereotypes held by Koreans and African Americans" published in the book *Socio-Cultural Conflict Between African Americans and Korean Americans.*

Brenda D. Sloan (center) attended the 40th anniversary of the Freedom Riders.



Christopher Kilmartin

Kilmartin Receives VAASA Award

Chris Kilmartin, professor of psychology, was honored by Virginians Aligned Against Sexual Assault (VAASA) for his work bringing focus to the male role in the prevention of violence against women. He was recognized at a special ceremony held August 6 in Richmond, honoring Virginia's 2001 Men of Vision, men who, like Dr. Kilmartin, work to end sexual violence.

He is author of *The Masculine Self*, and *Sexual Assault In Context*, and is co-author of *The Pain Behind the Mask*, with John Lynch, Ph.D. Kilmartin has also written and continues to perform his one-man play, *Crimes Against Nature,* about the pressure of growing-up male in America. He has worked to end violence against women on the local, state, and national levels, starting a White Ribbon Campaign at MWC, facilitating workshops at VAASA statewide trainings and collaborating with other activists at national conventions and on campuses all over the nation, including Georgetown, Cornell and Duke.

"Men have been 'Johnny-come-latelys' to the sexual assault prevention movement," Kilmartin said in his acceptance speech for the award. "When sexual assault was first identified as a problem on college campuses, all the programming was about self-defense, escort services and helping women identify dangerous situations — important things, but all focused on women. It's only been about the last seven or eight years that people have started saying, 'Why don't we change the behavior of the people who are causing the problem?'

"I look forward to a day when men are fuller partners in doing this kind of work. It takes rich people to speak out about economic inequality. It takes white people to speak out against racism. It takes heterosexuals to speak out against homophobia. It also takes men to speak out against sexism. We have a very important and special role to play."

The VAASA hopes that by honoring Men of Vision, other men will feel empowered by their example to step out of the "bystander" role to become active participants.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Scenes from the 11th Annual Multicultural Fair

April

More than 30 groups performed during Mary Washington College's 11th Annual Multicultural Fair, and Campus Walk was lined with craft vendors and three stages for live entertainment. Ethnic food vendors and numerous children's activities occupied Ball Circle…Encore, the Mary Washington College Show Choir, presented its spring concert, "A Night at the Tony Awards"… Poet R.T. Smith read from his books of poetry in Lee Hall Underground. Smith's most recent works, *Trespasser* and *Messenger*, were published by the Louisiana State University Press. He also is editor of the literary journal *Shenandoah*, which is based in Lexington, Va…The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance concluded its 2000-2001 season with "Ring Round the Moon," Christopher Fry's adaptation of Jean Anouilh's *L'Invitation Chateau*… Mary Washington College hosted the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture's (MAC-ISA) annual Tree-Climbing Championship. The tree-care professionals competed in four concurrent events: aerial rescue, speed climb, accuracy throw and the work climb.

May

James C. Hormel, human rights advocate and former United States ambassador to Luxembourg, served as the keynote speaker at MWC's 2001 convocation program. Before his ambassadorial appointment, Hormel served the Clinton administration as a delegate to the 51st United Nations Assembly and the 51st United Nations Human Rights Commission…The work of Virginia-based artists was on display in the lobby of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. The "Virginia Artists" exhibition was sponsored by GEICO and the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts…The annual Faculty Academy was held in Jepson Hall.

Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

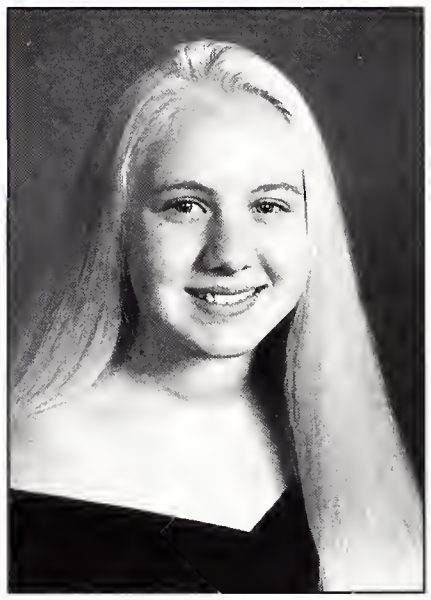
Commencement 2001 has come and gone, and graduates had a most memorable day. Now another academic year is getting underway at Mary Washington College, accompanied by the outstandingly beautiful fall foliage on campus and an equally outstanding freshman class. Be sure to come for a visit if you find an opportunity or maybe spot an event on the calendar that you would like to attend.

It is a real pleasure for me to advise you that the Alumni Association is developing a new "online community" for you, the main focus of which will be to enable alums everywhere to access a password-protected alumni directory. In addition, we alumni will be able to update information about ourselves such as change of address, change of career status, etc. It will also be possible to add your e-mail address and other pertinent information, and it will be relatively easy to locate a long lost friend. I mention again, this will be a protected and secure site accessible only to the MWC family. You will be able to take advantage of it soon via the MWC Web site, http://www.mwc.edu. In the future we look forward to adding some additional services.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors looks forward to another year full of exciting events. We hope to see you.

Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

Washington Scholar



Ashley Michelle Harkins has been named the recipient of the MWC Alumni Association's Washington Scholarship.

Ms. Harkins graduated from Manchester High School in Chesterfield in June, where she achieved an outstanding academic record and was salutatorian of her class. In addition, she has been recognized as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Ashley has received a number of honors and is involved in a wide variety of school and community activities and aspires to become a veterinarian.

Generous Alumni

According to reports filed with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and reported by the Associated Press, graduates of Virginia's public colleges are generally more generous than alumni of comparable schools nationwide. Mary Washington College had the highest percentage of alumni donors in Virginia, at 35 percent.

The percentage of undergraduate alumni who donate annually to Virginia's four-year public colleges is shown below.

Christopher Newport University	14.9%
College of William & Mary	28.4%
George Mason University	9.0%
James Madison University	20.0%
Longwood College	29.0%
Mary Washington College	**35.0%**
Norfolk State University	3.0%
Old Dominion University	18.0%
Radford University	11.5%
University of Virginia	30.0%
University of Virginia-Wise	12.0%
Virginia Commonwealth University	13.0%
Virginia Military Institute	34.0%
Virginia Tech	19.0%
Virginia State University	7.0%

MWC's First Black Graduate Dies

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Dr. Venus Romance Jones '68, Mary Washington College's first black graduate, died May 17, 2001, from injuries sustained in a car accident. She was 53.

Among Dr. Jones' many accomplishments was graduation with honors from Mary Washington in just three years, with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. Her tenacity and pioneering achievements impressed many students and even future alumni.

Yita Gomez '79 says she and her parents visited Venus and her family while Yita was in high school. She says Venus took her aside and told her all about Mary Washington College. After that, she says, she did not desire to go to any college other than MWC. Ms. Gomez went on to graduate from Mary Washington College in just three and a half years.

Many remember Venus for her gregarious nature. While at Mary Washington, she played trumpet in the MWC All-Girl Band, which was under the direction of music professor James Baker. Dr. Baker says Venus also baby-sat for his two children, who remember her as "one of their sitters who would play games, jump fences, and was a lot of fun."

Dr. Jones attended the University of Virginia's medical school, and upon graduation in 1972, began an extraordinary career. She started with an internship in Arizona, where she provided healthcare for the local Indian population. Later, she joined the Air Force, was chief of neurology at three large medical centers, and retired a lieutenant colonel. And in 1998, she opened Delta Neurology Clinic in Clarksdale, Miss.

Tributes that testify to Dr. Jones' selflessness, leadership, faith and philanthropy came from friends, neighbors, colleagues, doctors, and the people she served in Mississippi.

The Curing Season

Leslie Wells '79 has published her first novel, *The Curing Season*, which is set in southern Virginia from 1948-52. She is an executive editor at Hyperion book publishing company in New York City, and has been in publishing for the past 20 years.

Ann Dunaway Criswell '55: "A LEGEND"

"Ann Criswell is a legend. She has a passion for the Latin language" and a "love of the ancient world." She makes teaching Latin "incredibly exciting." "She models professional growth for us all."

Letters with comments such as these, from students, parents, colleagues and others helped Ann Dunaway Criswell '55 become one of two winners of the American Philological Association Pre-Collegiate Teaching Award for 2000.

Mrs. Criswell recently retired after teaching Latin for 43 years, 29 of which were spent at Castilleja School, Palo Alto, Calif. She is given credit for playing a major role in the increase in Latin enrollments — 400 percent!

She says that over the past 43 years she has desired "to achieve a balance between making Latin fun … and giving it the substance, depth and range that as a valuable pursuit it requires."

As Robert W. Cape Jr. explained in the winter issue of the APA newsletter: "She expects high-quality work from her students, but she is also compassionate: 'Caring' is an adjective used of her again and again. One student [wrote], 'You liked me in spite of my poor grades in Latin. You let me know that I was a person worth caring about even if I wasn't the 'A' student in your beloved topic. You sent a message loud and clear that I could take on anything (including Latin) and succeed.'"

She has received an impressive number of grants and fellowships for professional development and growth, ranging from summer study grants to major national awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fulbright Foundation.

Dr. John Nichols with Caroline Taylor '01

ART AWARD

At the Annual Art Student Exhibition 2001, Dr. John Nichols, chair of the Department of History at Slippery Rock University, congratulated Caroline Taylor '01, winner of the first Ann Elekes Nichols Award. Dr. Nichols established the award in memory of his wife Ann, who graduated from MWC in 1961 as a studio art major.

Building on Memories

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

Gift Helps AEC and Enables Alumna to Memorialize her Parents

Carmen and John Chappell recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

"I always thought Mary Washington College was fully supported by the state," says Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59. "I have to tell you I was shocked when I learned the Commonwealth of Virginia provides only a small percentage of the College's operating expenses, and absolutely nothing for the proposed Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill."

That discovery less than a year ago prompted Mrs. Chappell to make a significant gift toward the new Alumni Executive Center campaign. "Mary Washington College was an important part of my life, and it is part of who I am today," she says. "My father attended the University of Indiana, my mother graduated from the University of Puerto Rico, and they both wanted me to come to the United States to pursue a strong liberal arts education. They liked the strict rules for girls at MWC, and when we first came to the campus, all three of us were completely awed by the beautiful surroundings. It literally became my home away from home."

Mrs. Chappell attended MWC from 1955 until 1959, when she received her B.A. in English. "I always wanted to be an architect, but I was terrible at physics. I didn't want to be responsible for any buildings falling down, so I followed my second passion — a genuine love of reading, especially books by English and American writers."

At the beginning of her senior year at MWC, she went on a blind date with a Harvard graduate and Marine lieutenant from Officer's Training School at Quantico. Less than three years later, that officer, John F. Chappell, became her husband. Shortly after their marriage in 1961, Mr. Chappell resigned his commission in the Marines to be with his wife and family, and soon became involved in pharmaceutical management. Over the years, the Chappells traveled extensively and lived in North Carolina, Connecticut, Germany, Belgium, England and Pennsylvania. They have two children, Eric and Jennifer, two grandchildren — and another on the way.

"Life has been good to us," says Mrs. Chappell. "I have enjoyed my children, and now my grandchildren. Our travel experiences and our years abroad have helped me remain a student. I love learning about other cultures and discovering their history." This love of learning prompted her to go back to school, and in 1985 she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with an M.S. in anthropology and Maya archaeology.

The Chappells visit MWC whenever possible. "During the first years of our marriage, we were out of the country a great deal, so I missed some of my early reunions," says Mrs. Chappell. "However, I did make our 25th reunion in 1984, and I have visited often since then. In fact, I just toured the campus in April this year, and I have to tell you I am amazed at all the new buildings. A lot has changed, but a lot still remains the same. That is one reason I am extremely happy to be able to help with the campaign for the new Alumni Executive Center."

The sizable gift the Chappells made to the campaign enables them to dedicate the Formal Living Room in the new Center. "I am going to ask that the Formal Living Room be dedicated 'In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Culpeper by John and Carmen Culpeper Chappell.' My parents were so happy to have me attend Mary Washington College. They were always involved in whatever I was doing, and what courses I was taking. They came from Puerto Rico to visit me on campus three separate times and then came for my graduation. I am proud to be able to support the Alumni Executive Center campaign while also paying special tribute to my parents."

In the meantime, Mrs. Chappell is enjoying her passion for architecture. "My husband and I just finished building a new home outside of Philadelphia, so I have had the opportunity to look over plenty of blueprints in the last few years. I have also seen the architectural drawings and plans for the Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill, and it is absolutely fabulous. I think it will be fascinating to see the plans and blueprints become a reality." That should be in June of 2004, just in time for her 45th class reunion.

Donna Harter Raab is publications coordinator in the office of college advancement at MWC.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Culpeper at their daughter's home in 1980.

Taking Stock

John F. Chappell, former chairman at Smith Kline Beecham Pharmaceuticals and current owner of Plexus Ventures, explains how the couple made the decision to support the campaign for the new Alumni Executive Center. "I have fond memories of Mary Washington College since I met my future wife there. Needless to say, the place made quite an impression on me. Over the years, Carmen and I occasionally made gifts to support the MWC Annual Fund, but we were under the assumption that the College was fully funded by the state. When Carmen discovered the small percentage the state actually gives MWC, she immediately wanted to help."

Members of the Alumni Executive Center campaign committee met with the Chappells to explain plans for the new Center as well as various giving options and naming opportunities. "The alumni on the committee are certainly enthusiastic," says Mr. Chappell, "and the new Alumni Executive Center is a compelling idea. It was actually an easy decision to join the early backers."

After several discussions with Jeffrey W. Rountree '91, vice president for college development at Mary Washington College, the Chappells decided to make a significant pledge to the campaign. "We discovered we could take up to five years to complete payment of the pledge, and that MWC is able to receive donations of stock," says Mr. Chappell. "For tax purposes, we chose to make our first payment with 1,000 shares of appreciated stock. This allows us to take a charitable tax deduction for the full amount of the stock's fair market value at the time of donation, and we do not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated value. As a result, the College is able to utilize the full market value of the stock donation, and both of us get more mileage from the gift."

If you would like information on how you can help support the Alumni Executive Center, or how to donate stock to the College, contact Jeff Rountree '91 or Ross Ramsey '93 at the MWC Office of College Development. Call (540) 654-1024, (888) MWC-0004 or send e-mail to jrountre @mwc.edu.

Illustration by Richard Chenoweth, A.I.A.

Alumni Executive Center Campaign Update

As of September 1, 2001, more than $3.7 million had been raised toward the campaign goal of $5.6 million. Groundbreaking for the new Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill is scheduled for early 2003.

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

Researchers at Mary Washington College recently embarked upon a search for a historical "key to the College." Alas, one was not to be found. Along the way, numerous keys of various sizes and shapes with myriad purposes were discovered, but not "the key."

Needless to say, these researchers were disappointed and felt they had failed in their task. As they were preparing to call off the search, one enlightened individual jumped up and announced that she had at long last discovered "the key."

Everyone expectantly gathered 'round to see this elusive key.

When the researcher opened her hand to show off her find, everyone gasped. The hand was empty. The woman then began pointing her finger at everyone in the circle.

"There is no one key to the College," she said. "Each one of us here and within this community holds the key to the future of Mary Washington College."

You hold the key to the future of MWC in your hand. For information on how you can support the College Annual Fund, please contact Dorothy Ogburn Wood '92 in the Office of Annual Giving at (888) MWC-0004.

Class Notes

Devil and Goat Notes

1931

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We thank **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** for organizing our 65th reunion, making phone calls and writing the letter that we received. Reunion weekend was wonderful! Seven members of our class returned for a memorable weekend. Hard to believe we left there 65 years ago. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed under the tent, where we gathered to recall memories of yesteryear. We attended a superb banquet with tasty food and **Ruby Lee Norris**' most enjoyable remarks after receiving the Service Award. Frances delivered a most inspiring invocation. Thank you, Frances, for all you've done and continue to do for our class. Did you all read the "People Make MWC Special" article about Frances in the summer 2000 issue? Others in attendance were **Vernie Blankenship Knight**, **Catherine Brown Simpson**, **Zula Ferrara Ware**, **Dorothy McGuire Bunch**, and, of course, me. **Edna Knight Roberts** '64 drove her parents, Vernie and Bus, to the reunion.

Ruby Lee Norris' term on the MWC Board of Visitors ended in June 2000. She was elected to the MWC Foundation in December 2000. Ruby Lee continues her gardening column in *Pleasant Living* magazine and writes an occasional short story and poem.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner has been living in an apartment with her cat for five years. She continues her volunteer work with the National Cathedral. Mary Frances spent a pleasant week in Wales in August 2000. Except for the usual aches and pains, she is quite well. She was very stiff one morning recently and thought she was walking like an old lady. Then she realized, "I am an old lady."

Edna Harley Sickels wrote: "The summer 2000 MWC magazine amazed me — the sketch of the campus shows it hugely expanded. Does a student living on the east side need a car to get to a class on the west side?"

Adelle Mansfield Goodwin turned 85 in December 2000 and wrote that she plans to enjoy her second childhood in 2001.

Mary Alice Turman Carper wrote: "Life is good for me and my sister, **Lillie Turman**, considering the limitations of our advancing years." She extended her best wishes for the reunion, as did Adelle, Mary Frances and others.

We extend our sympathy to the families of **Elizabeth Hart Robertson**, **Edna Lovering Roe**, and **Louise Jennings Creamer**. Louise was my senior year roommate, and I had visited her in Millbrae, Calif., and Lynchburg, Va. We went together to see Yosemite National Park. **Catherine "Cassie" Brown Simpson** came with her friend, Louise Scott. Cassie is hearing-impaired, and Louise wrote down what we said.

Dorothy McGuire Bunch's son, Bill, drove Dorothy and me to attend our reunion. On the way home we stopped in Richmond to see **Marjorie Dement Britton** '37, who lives in a nursing home.

Along with her remembrance of Dean Nina Bushnell, **Edith Hunt** wrote, "I always look for the Class Notes, and I wish to thank Ethel Nelson Wetmore for her notes for the Class of '36."

All four of my children, four grandchildren and one son-in-law came for my 85th birthday in May. We rented two lovely cabins for two nights at First Landing State Park (formerly Seashore State Park) in Virginia Beach, near Cape Henry. Beautiful trees surrounded us. The birthday dinner was at a seafood restaurant. My granddaughter, Sarah Jane Wetmore, graduated from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and was a 2001 inductee to the Knox College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

There were 381 of us who entered the freshman class in 1932. Now we have celebrated our 65th reunion. I am thankful for the opportunities I have had and to be able to come back to renew friendships. God Bless you all.

1937

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1938

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The ranks grow thinner now — "the almond tree has flourished," the body more rotund, and somewhat overnourished. I remember the picture of old age learned in Biblical history class so many years ago. Ecclesiastes 12 still paints a very real picture, though medical advances have helped somewhat.

I received accounts from **Jessie Crocket Hopkins**. She always sends a little poem; this year it was entitled "Christmas Stars" and related the considerable athletic prowess of her grandchildren and her own lack of same owing to arthritis.

Skippy Milstead Goodwin usually sends a yearly letter. They celebrated their 60th anniversary this year in a somewhat quieter fashion than the bash held for the 50th, but nonetheless pleasant. Skip has stopped playing golf but remains active in community affairs. They are anticipating a trip to Stanford to attend a granddaughter's graduation.

Mitchell Forrest Lyman sent a pictorial revue. She is still in Chapel Hill, N.C. The pictures included a shot of those gathered at a book signing of *A Generation Speaks*. I believe this is the latest of several publications. She also mentions the purchase of property in Allegheny County, N.C., where a group of family was anticipating a "roof raising."

As for the Voris family, Brian is entering college; Stephen and Laura, high school; Jay and Alex are still in middle school. The two oldest, Scott and Jason, are finished with formal schooling for the present and are in Blacksburg and Eugene, Ore., respectively. I completed a book for the Howard Country Sesquicentennial titled *Elkridge, Where it all Began*. In doing the research, I was amazed to chronicle so many of the changes taking place in my lifetime and the lifetime of my parents. I also write poetry — doggerel, Mrs. Dodd called it. I dedicated the little book, *Time for Rhyme*, to her. It was not a best-seller, though some of the poems are passable. I noticed a request for stories of Mrs. Bushnell in the last issue of *MWC Today*, and I have several. Here is one episode involving Mrs. Bushnell that I would like to relate to my classmates: As a senior in 1938, I was house president of Willard Hall, which was the housing for freshman, although a few others lived there. I represented the student government. One of my duties was to have periodic meetings of those domiciled there to discuss problems. The new housemother often took over at these meetings, giving her views of how things should be done according to her. I felt that she intruded on my territory and was quizzed about it by Mrs. B. Word had apparently gotten back to her of my dissatisfaction with the way things were proceeding, and I knew that the new housemother was not high on her list. She asked me when I planned for my next meeting and I told her. On the night of the meeting, we were gathered and as soon as I had called it to order and made a few remarks about the agenda, the housemother's phone rang. The next morning I saw Mrs. B. in the dining hall. "And how did your meeting go, Miss Pressley?" "Well shortly after it got started, the housemother's phone rang, and we adjourned before she got back," I replied. She winked and said, "It was I." Mrs. B. had a way of solving problems without ruffling feathers too much. We enjoyed that little secret, and afterwards she exhibited a much friendlier feeling toward me, one that we had not shared formerly.

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From Nancy Herr Fallen:

Dear Friends, This job has one awesome drawback. All class agents before me have complained about it, and it discouraged some enough for them to resign. Fortunately, there was someone else willing to try, but unfortunately, the job soon becomes a matter of talking to yourself.

In light of the fact that I seldom hear from any of you, coupled with the reality of my own questionable health, I, too, am resigning. I would rather think of it as singing my swan song.

I am and always have been very proud of my class at Mary Washington College, and I am grateful for the profound influence it has had on my life. I am impressed that you have been staunch supporters of the College and hope with all my being that you will continue to give as generously as you can to the Annual Fund.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of being your class agent. God bless each of you and our beloved alma mater. With love, Nancy.

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From Gwendolyn:

Ruth Capen Hartman is enjoying life in Connecticut, north of Danbury, in the hills far away from city life. She is near daughter Janet and husband and their daughter, her oldest granddaughter, Erika, who is doing graduate work at VCU in Richmond. She has a grandson who is in business and working. Ruth is still doing herbal education and consulting, mostly by phone and newsletters. Ruth keeps in touch with **Marjorie Wagstaff** '43.

Grace Fox Skoog wrote that she is very happy in Texas in a retirement home. Everyone is friendly, the food is wonderful, and there are many activities. Her health is good except for past polio problems.

Anne Givler Lindsay wrote a lovely note about a luncheon for Hampton Roads alumni. About 50 or 60 attended, another reported. The speaker was President Anderson. Anne is very excited that her granddaughter has an early acceptance to MWC.

Good to hear from **Elizabeth "Boots" Lewis Broughton**. Her history since MWC: She taught in Newport News until 1947, then married and had two sons. They settled in Fredericksburg, where she also taught. In 1970 they moved to Front Royal. She earned a master's degree from U.Va. in guidance counseling and served as a guidance counselor until retirement in 1983. In 1987 they moved to Bremerton, Wash., to be near their two boys and three grandchildren.

If you enjoy reading this column, please send us something about your life!

From Isabel:

It's been a hectic year, and I haven't heard from many of you.

Gwendolyn Miller Reams, my co-class agent, had a hip operation in June and is recuperating nicely, we hope. I had major surgery in September 2000 and a fall last March, requiring a lot of therapy. We hope to be on the mend for our 60th reunion next year in 2002.

Martha Tavenner Sutherland and her husband have moved to a retirement community in Culpeper, Va., with a beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains and close to MWC. She has visited with her suitemates, **Ruth Spradlin** and **Glade Burnette**. She attends church with **Jayne Waugh Crigler**. She enjoys traveling and had a recent tour of the Northwest starting in Oregon and ending in Banff and Calgary. She and her husband love to play golf, and she spends time as a volunteer at their local hospital.

Esther Prochazka Bass will be entering a retirement home later this year. She has lived alone in Moseley, Va., for 25 years and finds the area changing.

Marguerite Tuck Anderson sold her home in Durand, Wis., in September 2000 and moved to a retirement resort in Holland, Mich. Her daughter, Karen, lives in nearby Spring Lake, Mich., and they visit often. Her son, Craig, and his family live in West Des Moines, Iowa. She has visited our classmate, **Mary Frances Featherston Ball**, when she has been in Des Moines. Marguerite's husband, Alan, died in 1997.

Phyllida "Penny" Bien Walker wrote that she is living near Greensboro, N.C., with her husband, who is **Jo Walker Magee**'s '43 brother. They have bought a big, old farmhouse near Greensboro. They share the house with her sister, who recently broke her hip, and Penny is her caregiver. She has also decided to take piano lessons and played her first recital at age 79. She said it was scary, and she hopes someday to be able to play as well as her musical family. For her next recital, she is working on a simplified arrangement of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto #1. Penny sends her love to any of our class who are still with us. She wishes to know the whereabouts of **Marjorie Burgess Parce**.

Mary Patton Kline wrote that her husband of 57 years, Dr. Joseph M. Kline, passed away in October 2000. Our deepest sympathy to Mary. Her good news was that **Virginia Waring Minges**, **Grace Cureton Brown** and she plan to be at the big 60th next year. Mary lives in Arlington, Va.

Anne Brooks Webb enjoys her great-granddaughter, who celebrated her first birthday in April. Anne also had a granddaughter married recently. She still keeps on the go, traveling in and out of Bowling Green.

Anne and I joined **Mary Gouldin Goebel** and her twin sister, **Martha Gouldin Slusher**, to celebrate their birthdays in March.

This year has brought a cruise to the Caribbean with a friend and a trip to South Carolina to visit friends with my stepdaughter from Tucson, Ariz.

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From Dorabelle:

Classmates, as I wrote so detailed an account of your adventures in reply to the cards sent to you in 2000, I have only a few blips for this fall issue.

Hilda Holloway Law passed away in March of this year after many long years of surviving cancer surgery. She was an inspiration to talk to via telephone every few days until three days before her death. A memorial service was held for her at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown in April 2001. Among her classmates attending the service were **Bertha Dickinson Taylor**, **Charlotte Grigg Watkins**, **Natalie Moore Spears** and **Dorabelle Forrest Cox**.

Natalie Moore Spears and her husband, Jack, seem very comfortable in their apartment at Warwick Forest in Newport News, Va.

I saw **Edith Whittemor Richardson** at an MWC luncheon in Kilmarnock last March. We had a nice visit after the luncheon.

Mamie Stahle Allen is still extremely active with her card ministry. She enjoys visits with her two sons and their families in the Richmond, Va., area. She also goes to Nags Head, N.C., a few times a year and finds the area fascinating.

My main endeavor, outside of home and family, is to co-chair a once-a-month bridge party at nearby restaurants to get to know new people, especially newcomers to Poquoson. We are completing our third year and find it a very rewarding experience. Also, I continue to work hard for the building fund group of my church. Since April 1994, we have contributed $104,000 to the fund.

Betty Randolph Jones Clement has three sons and one daughter. She is also the grandmother to five girls, of whom she is very proud. She and her husband enjoyed sailing for many years. As he passed away eight years ago, she does not continue sailing; however, she is very active with volunteer work, church and her garden club.

Beatrice Draper Atkinson is extremely interested in traveling. Bea says her long trips are cruises now. In March 2000 she cruised around South America for 34 days on the *Holland American Line*. Bea also belongs to a travel group that has monthly luncheons and trips. She is happy to report that her seven children live nearby and are doing quite well. They spend Thanksgiving and Christmas at Bea's house, and she visits them frequently. One of Bea's favorite activities is the AAUW organization. In the winter months, they have interesting discussion groups and visit museums. She also belongs to three other groups: Colonial Dames, DAR and Daughters of the Founders and Patriots. Each year Bea attends Upton family reunions (her mother's family) with her brother and sister and their spouses. These get-togethers are usually held east of the Mississippi. I would say that Bea is a very active woman who is interested in many types of rewarding experiences.

Please send me any news you would like to share with your classmates. I shall be happy to send it on to the staff of *MWC Today* magazine.

1944

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Greetings, Class of '44! Thanks to all of you for your words of encouragement. I am pleased that you read our column and have fun hearing about each one's activities.

Nancy Duval Andrews, who has been serving on the MWC Foundation ever since it began, said she will not stand for re-election in order that some young alumni would have a chance to work for MWC. After the Foundation meeting, the group went to Seacobeck for lunch with the recipients of scholarships. Who should be sitting at her table but **Sallie Jacob** and **Katherine "Doodie" Thompkins Branner**. Nancy said our student was so grateful for the scholarship,

it almost made her cry. Nancy has also been busy with the grand opening of the studio at Belmont, Gari Melchers' home. Nancy has been in touch with **Marcy Wells Gau**, Nancy's roommate and her maid of honor. Marcy spends six months in Florida and six in New York each year. Nancy also reported that **Jean DeShazo Flemer** is head of the city of Richmond's beauty pageant. Last, but certainly not least, Nancy is the very proud great-grandmother of Bonnie, born in March.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray has returned from Key Largo, Fla., after a three-month stay. Both she and her husband, Phil, were hospitalized for a short time, but they are "in good shape now" and enjoy bridge, both duplicate and contract, with friends. Phil celebrated his 80th birthday in August 2001, and this called for a big affair.

Jayne Anderson Bell and her housemate, Kae, have moved to a Christian retirement center in Rock Hill, S.C. Jane is now close to her daughter and family, who have recently moved here from Scotland. She and Kae are enjoying all the various activities offered by the community. They participate in all exercise classes and, since there is also an ice cream parlor there, the class is "a must."

Mary Griffin Underwood and **Frances Farrell Fletcher** have birthdays one month apart and have been celebrating them together for over 60 years. How's that for a record! Frances has a son that was married in Mineral, Va., in May, which must have been very exciting for her. Mary plans to go to Chicago to visit her daughter. **Jean Ford Bates** and **Carolyn Watts Quigley** e-mail Mary often to keep up with each other's lives. Carolyn was planning to do France, from Paris to Provence, this fall. The trip was originally planned for last year but had to be canceled.

Christine Hall Herndon and husband Bill had a wonderful trip to Thailand and Cambodia. Their daughter-in-law in Madison, Wis., asked them to take pictures and to purchase small gifts for some of the elementary classes in her school because the students were studying this area at the time. Christine said they found many interesting things to send. The daughter-in-law made a presentation, which was all the more interesting because it was first-hand info. There are children and a teacher in the school from Laos and a number of Hmong students who came from these countries. Christine and Bill were also asked to go to Sacramento to show slides of Egypt to a group of home-schoolers that were studying Egypt. They dressed up like Egyptians and made quite an impression on all who were present.

Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris planned to spend some time in Florida during the cold weather in Delaware. She keeps up with several classmates.

I received a beautiful card from **Jean Adie Mogavero** at Christmas, but there was no news. Thanks to all who sent cards, but don't forget to add a word or two of news in them. (I am always pushing for news!)

Jannie Ornstein Rood contacted me to say that I had moved her to Dallas. She is referring to my article about her in the *MWC Today* winter 2001 issue. Sorry, in my effort to save space, I connected the weather in Dallas, Texas, and you in the small town of White Oak, Texas. I would prefer to live where you do, too. I will try to be more careful.

Mary McCormick has taken over an interesting project. She is transcribing her "grandfather's diary of the War between the States." He was John Hemphill Simpson of Chester, S.C. He entered the war along with other classmates of Erskine College as a non-commissioned chaplain in Due West, S.C. After the war, he brought many friends and classmates home. One important one, whose leg was injured, later became president of Erskine College, Simpson's alma mater. Good luck, Mary, with the rest of this project.

Rebecca Engleman Russell and her daughter, Elaine, attended an Elderhostel at Calloway Gardens, Ga., and found it to be a good experience. There was another mother/daughter team there also. Rebecca has been to other Elderhostels — some to which **Julia Rose** went along. Rebecca planned to visit younger daughter, Susan, in Black Mountains, N.C., in summer 2001. Rebecca has taken up strength-building exercises. Good for you, Rebecca!

I got a nice long letter from **Nancy Gravett Tucker**. Her husband, Ned, has had some health problems. They have a close-knit family of three children and eight grandchildren. The grandchildren range in age from college students down to elementary. Nancy and Ned are lucky that all the families live nearby.

I had a short note from **Elizabeth Phillips Roe**, who said they are recovering from having their kitchen done over. **Anna Roberts Ware** had them over for dinner while their kitchen was torn up. They were planning a trip to New York for their granddaughter's graduation from Columbia School of Engineering.

Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy's oldest son, Eric, was 50 last April, and it stunned her. How did he get that old so soon? I bet a lot of us can relate to that experience! Marguerite said that she is perking along although a bit slower. She takes her usual trips to the Northwest and the East Coast to see family members each spring and summer. Her sister, **Dorothy "Dossie" Scott** '46, visited El Paso last winter. The two of them took a brief trip to Tucson, Ariz., and saw Maguerite's old house. Things had grown and changed so much she had trouble getting around.

Virginia Pumphrey Webb and her sister, Pat Clark, went to Eastern Europe last fall. Their trip involved more variety that the usual castles, cathedrals and city tours. They went down a salt mine, had home-hosted meals, went on a dinner cruise, heard interesting lectures on politics, economics and the holocaust. They also visited a horse farm and ate many unusual foods. They had pirogues in Poland, chicken paprikash in Hungary, wiener schnitzel in Austria and strudel everywhere. Their interest in these countries was sparked by refugees they had known.

Frances Farrell Fletcher wrote that her recent birthday brought greetings and news from fellow classmates **Adele Goyne Maxwell**, **Jean Ford Bates** and **Nell Burgess Black**. She also sees or hears from **Mary Griffin Underwood** almost every day.

Cena Carswell and her husband had a trip to Georgia for a family reunion and visited relatives on the Gulf Coast en route. She added that a special treat was a day's visit with her MWC roommate, **Louise Randall Jerles** '45. Cena and Lou were both from Georgia and transferred to MWC at the same time. Cena and husband got home to Oregon in time to celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary. She added, "We must be getting old." Cena gave me a new title — she calls me a "news spreader."

Dorothy Drake Grothusen and her husband, Harry, took a 12-day riverboat trip of the rivers of Holland. She said the tulips were not quite open, but they visited a flower auction and flower park where they saw all varieties of flowers and every color in the rainbow. Even though the weather didn't cooperate — it was rainy, windy and cold — they still enjoyed the flowers and the people. They also saw how the country defends itself against flooding from the North Sea. The flood protection took 39 years to construct. She said boats are on all the rivers in Holland — a nice way to spend a vacation.

Anne Benner Gee visited Warrenton, Va., to see her brother. This is her old home place and where she lived during her years at MWC. She said visiting in April was great. She would like to contact any '43 or '44 graduates living in southwest Iowa.

Bertha McPhail Johnson thinks she is one of the few people who tried the computer and gave it up — she says it is much easier to use the telephone! She and husband Jim still enjoy traveling and try to get in two overseas trips a year.

Virginia Hawley Butler and three friends went on a cruise to South America, which was very interesting and a lot of fun. The first day in Argentina, Virginia got a fax from home saying she had a new great-grandson! She has four grandchildren and now two great-grandsons.

Marilynn Price Heady will again try to contact **Mary Betty Huff** in North Carolina when she and husband Len begin their trek back to New York. They planned a tour to visit with Mary Betty. Marilynn and Len are planning a trip to London, Wales, etc. While there, they will visit Marilynn's cousins in Wales for eight days. Marilynn hopes her relatives can help her fill in the gaps of the Price family tree. After that, they plan to fly to Amsterdam and take a Rhine cruise for a week ending in Basel, Switzerland. They will spend some time in Zurich and then fly directly to New York. Marilynn is very proud of one of her sons, who left a good job to go back to college to get a teaching certificate. He already had a master's degree but wanted to teach and to hopefully make a difference in some child's life. He is now teaching social studies in a school near their home.

Marie Kennedy Robins said she is enjoying the good life in a lifetime care community in Southern Pines, N.C. She especially likes not having to take care of a home or to do the cooking! She was to visit her two children in Maryland around last Easter. She said she still enjoys Elderhostels, cruises and bridge.

Ruth Gubler Kluge flew across the United States to spend a month with her daughter, Lynn, in Riverside, Calif. While there they traveled to San Francisco and had a visit with **Merle Updike Davis** and her husband, Bob. Their home is high up in the Berkeley hills.

Jane Brownley Thomas had a nice two-day visit with Sheryl Avery Meints, her godchild and **Roberta Kingston Disney**'s daughter. She was here for her uncle's funeral, whom Jane and her husband, Jack, grew up with. They had a great time going over many memories. Jane talks to Nancy Duval Andrews every week to catch up on all the Southern news.

Anna Austin Roberts has had some interesting experiences. She went to her quarterly Colonial Dames chapter meeting, and a guest who is building a new home on the Eastern Shore, Md., was there from Alexandria, Va. When Anna Austin got a chance, she told the lady she had done her student-teaching in Alexandria and boarded with the Atchison family. The guest said she lives next door to them! Then Anna Austin, who lives on the Eastern Shore, was invited to the governor's mansion in Annapolis to see the first ladies' exhibit put together by Mrs. Glendening. Then, she had to put a new roof on her house. When it was finished, she was so excited she invited 12 of her neighbors over for a turkey-lunch celebration. Even the roofer came! Anna Austin watches nightly business news on TV and listens to William Dudley. She wonders if he could be the son of Bill Dudley of U.Va. who picked our sweater girl, Jean Brill Davis. She goes on to say that in geography class at MWC, she learned how wonderful the Eastern Shore of Maryland was from Mrs. Mooney, her teacher.

I saved this news for last. Wedding bells are ringing for two of our classmates. **Jean Brill Davis** was married in June 2001 to Vernon L. Lichliter, known as Bill, in a ceremony in their church with family and friends attending. They were planning a trip to Greece in the fall. He is retired and writes period novels. Jean said the Apple Blossom Festival is coming up in Winchester, Va., soon, and some of her family members are very involved.

I said there were two — the other is **Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre**, who is engaged to David Eckert. He lives across the street from Jane's brother in Horsehead, N.Y. They met about two years ago, and, as she said, "something clicked that brought us to this point." No wedding plans yet but promises to keep us posted. Congratulations to all of you! So, I end this news on a happy note.

I hope all of you are reasonably healthy and happy. Tom and I are doing fine and keep busy with our many activities at home and around the Rockville, Md., community. God bless you and love to all, Nettie.

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As class agent, I do appreciate the responses to my request soliciting your news and accomplishments. In this way, we, as members of the Class of '45, can keep in touch with each other and reinforce our continuing friendships and the positive experience of our MWC years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Virginia Lamberth Edwards**, whose husband, Jewel, passed away in February 2000. Our condolences also go to **Diana Ciuffreda Custis**, whose mother died in May 2001.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick have enjoyed two educational and fun trips to Europe this year. Their first was to Portugal, Spain and Gibraltar. In March, they went on a cruise to visit Greece and Turkey, following the footsteps of Paul. Betsy and Dick share their farm home near Ashland with daughter Sally and her family. This works out well, sharing chores and having the joy of being together daily. Their granddaughter, Nicole, is planning a fall wedding, so there is much excitement in the Eggleston home.

In January, on United Methodist Women's Sunday, **Gloria Post Goodsell** was honored to receive a special recognition pin. Gloria has been a member of the evangelism ministry team and lay fishers in her church. She is the leader of the guild circle. This recognition was a wonderful, memorable day for Gloria, as her family was present and recognized during the service. Following the presentation of the pin, she gave the children's sermon. We are proud of you, Gloria. A trip to Alaska is in the plans for the Goodsells later this year.

Lura Korth Gillis and husband Arthur live in a condominium development in Clearwater, Fla., having moved from Springfield, Va., in 1974. They are very well settled and happy in spite of physical problems accompanying their age. **Joan Gillis Carlsson** '69, their daughter, and two granddaughters live close, as well as Lura's 99-year-old mother. This enables Lura to devote the needed time to her. Best wishes to Lura, who is recovering from open-heart surgery.

Chris Brauer Krausse stays busy organizing bus trips for her church. They were lucky on their Philadelphia Flower Show trip in March, as the predicted snow/ice storm which greatly reduced the expected crowds of people did not develop. She feels fortunate to have three of her four children living in Virginia as well as her three sisters in Richmond. Two of her sisters, **Elsie Brauer Lee** '46 and **Anna Brauer Oxenham** '47, also attended MWC.

Grace Bailey Lindner wrote, "All our troops are fine." She and Carl enjoy many wonderful trips both in our country and abroad.

Hilda Chrisman Pendleton and Willard have a wonderful tradition. Each year, they, Hilda's MWC roommates and husbands, travel to The Peaks of Otter, Va., where, Hilda and Willard have a mini-reunion with **Betty Cornett Wasson**, **Catherine Husted Perkins** and husbands John and Bill. They also have traveled with another roommate, Ginny Lambert Edwards, and Jewel to the beaches and Gatlinburg, Tenn. Hilda and Willard watch old movies and love outdoor activities and visiting family and friends, especially the children and grandchildren. They have also taken four Big Band cruises.

I was very happy to get news from **Virginia Ricker Hall**, who thought no one would remember her. We do! She and Richard live in San Diego. In May, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Virginia travels, and Richard keeps the home fires burning — a nice arrangement. Her travels are extensive: Europe, the Orient, "Down Under," Central America, Canada, Mexico and in our own 50 states. Her husband, who graduated from Oregon State U., is retired from the military.

Provi Keelan Piovanetti is married to Dr. Simon Piovanetti, who at 81 is still a practicing pediatrician. Their daughter, Yvette, whose husband is also a doctor, is a pediatrician as well. There are three grandchildren, and each is an accomplished musician: Alfonso, a freshman at Yale, plays the cello in the Yale Symphony Orchestra; Juliana, a freshman in high school, is a pianist; and Fernando plays the violin. They all attended the Conservatory of Music and are honor students in their regular studies. Her close friend and MWC classmate, **Maria Rodriguez**, lives in Virginia, and they are fortunate to see each other frequently.

Liz Goffigon Jonns writes from Virginia Beach, "We are among the living and able to get around. I am thankful for that and to be in that category." She and Lawrence prefer cruising as a means of travel. They have been on three this year, to the Western Caribbean, down to Mississippi, and through the Panama Canal. They look forward to more. Their daughter, Leigh, was married in May.

Anne Dawideit Dickinson feels fortunate that her four children and seven grandchildren, except those in college, live close to her and Duval. She and Du are in good health and are actively engaged in a thriving lawn and garden business in Fredericksburg.

Skip Potts Taylor and Wally have interesting, busy lives as residents of a retirement community in Kennett Square, Penn. Last winter they left the cold climate and traveled to Siesta Kay, Fla.; Costa Rica; the Nicola Peninsula overlooking the Pacific; then back to Florida. On their return from "fun in the sun," they visited both daughters, Barb and Nancy. In September, they cruised from Vienna to Amsterdam. The idea of unpacking once and taking day trips from the ship appealed to them.

How nice to receive a phone call from **Marguerite Pruitt Luce**, who lives in Crisfield, Md., the crab capital of the world! Last December, she and six friends spent some time in New York City, which she says is beautiful and festive during the Christmas season. They saw Broadway shows, "The Miracle of Christmas" at Radio City, and especially enjoyed the taping of "The View" television show. In March, she spent time in Ft. Meyers, Fla., and then in April she and her brother and sister-in-law rented an apartment in London. Her daughter, Mary Ann, lives in Cambridge, Md. Marguerite and her close childhood friend and classmate, **Ruth Parks Crockett**, visit each other frequently.

Another traveler is **Marjorie "Jerse" Storms Reddoch**, who wrote from beautiful Tarpon Springs, Fla. Outstanding among their many trips are the reunions of Rusty's USMC division. This year they will meet this close-knit group, which fought in the South Pacific from 1942-1945, in Wisconsin. Other travels have taken them to East Asia, South America, Africa, Canada, the Greek Isles, Hawaii and Mexico. As an active member of the DAR in Tarpon Springs, she presented a talk on "Mary, Mother of Washington." The family has grown to 19 members. On Jerse and Ruskin's 50th wedding anniversary, a granddaughter wrote and sang "The Ballad of '44" describing the chance meeting of an Alabama boy and a New Jersey girl; she was going to college, he was going to war.

Mary Hunter Allen Stern writes from her apartment in Port Chester, N.Y. She gets much pleasure from being close to her Pepsico world headquarters and the Neuberger Museum of Art, where she can enjoy the beautiful grounds, gardens and exhibits. The walking is good therapy for a touch of arthritis that causes her to slow down. Another source of fun is watching the migrating birds resting on the branches of a maple tree from the window of her apartment. One son lives in England and has given her three British grandchildren. Another son lives in Jersey City, enabling her to see this family on birthdays and holidays. Her daughter retired from the book division of *Reader's Digest*.

Elinor McClellan Cox Decamp and John have returned home to Indiana following their winter-months stay in Phoenix. She and John entertain family and friends in Arizona and enjoy the warm sun and beauty of the Southwest.

Even now, after so many years of moving around following her husband's career, and hers as well, **Natalie "Bug" Kerns McWilliams** still misses Virginia and its beauty. Life has been good to her and her husband, Jay. Jay's career was in small college sports, so they moved from Virginia to New York, Connecticut and Ohio. When he retired, they took off for the Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio, where Bug thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and new colleagues and learned to preach. The majority of her years in the ministry were at the First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, S.C. Now they reside in Northeast Ohio, following three interim pastorates (one in Maui). They reside in a Presbyterian retirement community close to their three children, Kitty, Barbara and Peter, who bring them joy, laughter and hope. Bug's 100-year-old mother lives in the same community. Bug expresses many of our feelings as she says, "Jay and I have forgetful moments and various aches and pains, but on the whole, we're in pretty good shape."

Betty Walsh lives on Fripp Island, S.C. She says that it is a lovely, quiet place to live from September until June, then all the visitors come to the island. Their biggest problem is worrying about hurricanes and having to possibly evacuate. Since her retirement from King's Daughters Hospital in Greenville, Miss., she has been volunteering at St. Helena's Episcopal Church once a week. Betty enjoys many activities on Fripp — the ladies' club, craft classes, water aerobics and Audubon group.

Jacqueline Van Gaasbeek wrote a quick note that says she's enjoying retirement in Tampa, Fla. She is still dancing and teaching ballroom dance.

Jack and I live on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, the garden spot of the world, we think.

Our days are full, and we are thankful to be active. Our three children and six grandchildren are all in Virginia, enabling us to be with them and share their busy lives. In August, we will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for your letters and phone calls. I feel like I've had a visit with each of you. May the future bring you health, happiness, love, laughter, and continuing active lives. Life is good in many small and wonderful ways. Please keep the news coming.

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We're "55 and alive!" Translated that means it was our 55th reunion with 16 classmates on hand with greetings, conversations and hilarious memories of our days at MWC. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you. In lieu of your presence, here are a few memorable moments of our fabulous weekend.

We arrive on Friday to a swinging reception at Seacobeck — hors d'oeuvres, drinks (A bar! At Seacobeck!). Later we rendezvoused at Alvey Hall in **Mim Riggs Gay**'s room, where she regaled us with stories. She recalled having to sing the laundry list. **"Hockie" Hockenberry Holden** remembers playing in the band, meeting her Blacksburg-native husband and riding the packed trains to New Jersey. **Sally Heritage Jordan**, peppy as ever, said she is fit, loves life and family. She retired after a 27-year coaching career. **"Sully" Sullivan Vaughn** said the best part of the weekend was sitting around talking. **Betsy Vaughan Pritchett** was up early, checking out the campus in her best jogging style. She remembers sack lunches for supper and dressing in velveteen, hose and heels for Sunday dinner. **Ann Briesmaster Robertson**, looking lovely, said she enjoyed hearing from classmates. **"Wilkie" Wilkerson** looked elegant in a royal blue suit at the banquet. You should know that the Wilkerson Pediatric Clinic at the Kenner Army Hospital in Ft. Lee, Va., is named for her. **Sue Vick Warren** and husband were on hand — but George didn't bring his Glenn Miller records.

Picture a full moon in a midnight blue sky, the soft glow of campus lanterns and the magical lights of luminaries along the walk. That was enough for **Gurleen Verlander Jones** and **"Bobbie" Lee Zehrbach McCoy** to head for Palmieri Plaza and the "Last Hurrah," with they reported to be a great affair. **"Mickey" Dixon Sullivan** and **Janice Worsley Mayberry** were caught taking an early morning walk around the campus. **Carolyn Rohr Huebner**, who is active in many cultural and athletic activities, was there with husband John. **"Liz" Stallings Sharpe** flew from Oklahoma to BWI, where she was met by **Georgia Janes Ahern**, and they drove to campus to join us. We are all looking forward to our next reunion.

It was pleasant to reconnect with **Elaine Jouard Collins** in Hawaii. Sadly, she lost her husband early this year. We all signed a card to send to her. **Ellen Campbell Dickson** is alive and well. **"Mickey" Carpenter Jarecke** still cherishes the friendships with her five suitemates. **"Libba" Harrison Leitch** said that **Betty Lou Loftis Bailey**, **Sallie Scott**, **Dorothy Lyons Miller** and **Lois Davis Minetree** are still her best friends.

Gladys Ford Duncan has a granddaughter, **Heidi Zirkle** '94, who is also an MWC alumna. **Mary Gouldin Wright** is active in many areas, particularly historic preservation and genealogy. **"Vi" Grosso Stokes**, world traveler, is moving to Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay in 2002. **Wilma Lindsey Clare**'s daughter, **Charlotte**, is a member of the Class of '61.

A very special thanks goes to **Joan Rosenthal Jessen** for the handsome, informative Reunion Weekend booklet for the Class of 1946.

Keep those cards coming!

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Dear 48'ers, thanks for the many responses to our last mailing.

Emilie Taylor Jones Wilson is now living in Wytheville, Va., having married Ernest Wilson after the death of her first husband, Herbert Jones. Ernest owns both an airplane and a deluxe Honda motorcycle, and Emilie has adopted a life in the fast lane, literally, and is enjoying it. Her own interests include golf, knitting, sewing, reading, computer and traveling, as well as much volunteer work in the community. She has a son and daughter, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Enjoying a change of pace since her retirement in 2000, **Lois Blake Tankersley** is nanny to her 15-month-old granddaughter in Elkins, N.C. Last year Lois visited Europe, and this year she is traveling to Mexico, to see the Mayan ruins, as well as Israel and Egypt.

While visiting her sister, **Judith Stone Johnstone** '49, on the Eastern Shore, **Byrd Stone Helguera** convened with **Barbara Thomas Phillips** and her husband and had a good visit. For their 50th anniversary, Byrd and husband and sons visited northern Spain, the ancestral stomping ground of the *pater familias*. She has been taking several classes at Vanderbilt — memoir writing, political science, history and literature — and is also involved in a book group, jazz session and volunteering. She was planning a week in New York in April and two jazz festivals, one in Chattanooga and one in Montreal, in the summer.

The DAR community service award, Williamsburg chapter, has been presented to **Lois Saunier Hornsby**, chosen because she represents the ideal of good citizenship that is fostered by the DAR. Lois wrote: "Autumn in Vermont, with four Hornsbys on stage. Memories are made of this. It was a good flight to Burlington with son Bob and his wife, Ann, going to visit their son, a student at the U. of Vermont, to attend a Bruce Hornsby concert, where Bruce invited his nephew to play. My moment that night was added when Bob and Ann, early members of the band, joined onstage for a dramatic encore. The schedule was for us to fly to Virginia to Bruce's Sunday concert in Charlottesville, but a long delay at La Guardia made us just glad to get home late that night. Now we plan for August tour dates at Wolf Trap and Harbor Center in Portsmouth. Some fun being a mom-groupie-grad of MWC Class of '48.

"I'd like to encourage everyone to keep up with *MWC Today* to see the fine things possible which we never thought about in 1948. Think of it: our class scholarship, the Washington Scholars program, the new James Monroe Center, the Fredericksburg Forum speakers this year (Elie Wiesel, John Sununu, James Carville), Andrew Young, more handsome academic and activities buildings, and so many athletics! Keep in touch and remember peepin' backwards at the good old days, while moving steady on."

Elva Welday Newdome sadly lost her husband of 48 years just one week after celebrating that anniversary. Their daughter is with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as associate concertmaster and is also a teacher of violin at Stetson U. Elva continues to teach violin in her home and works out at the new Y in town.

Marie Adams Griffith also lost her husband last year, and her plans are in limbo as she is reorganizing her life. She finds therapy in gardening, reading and church activities and swells with pride, I am sure, that her youngest granddaughter had her first movie role and has started modeling.

Still on the travel circuit is **Jane Howard Patrick**, who is this year scheduling a Scandinavian odyssey going to Copenhagen, Oslo and along the Norwegian coast. She has just returned from three weeks in Sanibel, Fla. Jane has two sons and four active grandchildren. She is involved as a trustee of Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y., and does a lot of volunteer work there.

The latest traveling adventure for **Mary Bondurant Stevens** was on the *Columbia Queen* down the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Her three daughters gave them a surprise 50th anniversary celebration in 2000. Summer plans included an Elderhostel stay in Chincoteague, Va., in May, Nags Head in August, and a fall foliage cruise to New England and Canada.

Mary Chapin "Johnnie" Moore Payne's eighth granddaughter is new this year, and her oldest granddaughter was married. Next in line, her grandson graduated from Duke last spring. Her oldest son, Kimball Payne III, has moved to Lynchburg as city manager. Last spring she planned a winner: Paris for three days, Rhone River cruise for six days, Nice for three days.

A new marriage for **Jean Bradley McConnell Echols** has created a lot of changes in her life. Jean was married in 1994 and until recently was living six months of the year in Atlanta. Last June she put her house on the market and moved to Marion. Joining two households has been a real chore, she reported, but it sounds as though she is certainly part of the Marion community. She is playing golf again after many years, is in two bridge clubs, has transferred her DAR membership to Marion, is on the board of directors of the Historical Museum Society, and exercises at the fabulous new wellness center three times a week. Jean has two daughters and her Speck has a son, daughter and four grandchildren.

Ann "Scottie" Scott spent much of last winter in Jacksonville, Fla., and then on to Sarasota to visit friends and relatives. She is now back in NYC readying her apartment for sale and plans to move to her home on Long Island for the summers and relocate somewhere in Florida for the winters.

Barbara Longaker Yowell and husband Everett had a nice trip to Lake Tahoe and Arizona, from Phoenix to the Grand Canyon, to visit relatives and friends. Her son, Dan, was graduated from seminary at Wake Forest. Her granddaughter is a freshman at MWC and lives in Virginia 301, the same room that Barbara shared with **Betty Jane Yowell Hall** and **Mildred Reed Thomson** in their sophomore year. Campus life sounds very different from the time of Mrs. Bushnell.

A photo of **Jane McCullough Smallwood** and the other Wright Tappers of North Carolina showed a bevy of still beautiful legs and Jane smiling, as usual. She is quite a traveler, spending three weeks in southern Spain last winter and visiting Palm Springs, Calif., to compete in a week-long bridge tournament. She wrote that there was a 50th anniversary party in Charlottesville for Bob and **Marjorie Johnson Walter**, who now

live in Cape Coral, Fla.

Were we voting on the member of the class with the most energy and greatest sense of adventure, I feel sure that **Anne Barnes Baugh** would be awarded the blue ribbon. Last year she spent three weeks in Bolivia, high in the Andes, Peru, including Machu Pichu and Inca diggings, and a week in the rain forests of the Amazon. She has just returned from a three-week trip to India, which was awesome. She rode a camel across the desert near Pakistan, slept in a tent, rode an elephant, stayed at Rajah palaces now converted into hotels and saw three tigers at the tiger preserve. And she writes with such contagious enthusiasm that you just wish you could have gone along. Her granddaughter graduated from Smith last spring and then moved on to medical school, her daughter has won a fellowship to study school administration, and her grandson was graduating from high school. Anne's interests otherwise include golf, plenty of exercise, White House volunteering, politics and travel. She writes that every day she renews her spirits and feels blessed. Her dear friend, **Marjorie Batty Dey**, with whom she roomed for four years at MWC, was married in April to a Norfolk gentleman whom she has known for some time, and it sounds like a real romance.

Five children and nine grandchildren fill much of the time of **Claire Braun Burrows** of Lincroft, N.J. An annual event is the family reunion in a Victorian mansion in Cape May. Since her acoustic neuroma operation, watercolor painting has proved to be great therapy.

Very sad news came from **Nancy Salisbury Ellis** of the passing of **Bette Belle Cox Yale** in December 2000 in Aberdeen, Md. Nancy and Bette were girlhood friends and roommates at MWC. Nancy has been visiting Florida in the winters trying to avoid the cold and snow of New Jersey.

Oberammergau and the Passion Play drew **Frances Belman Haddock** to Germany in summer 2000. She is involved with church activities, bridge and reading. Another classmate who traveled to Germany last year was **Laura Wright Nottingham**, joining a group of relatives for a family wedding in the Hartz Mountains. After the wedding celebration, their group toured Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden and Frankfurt, returning via Iceland. With plans to buy a computer, Laura is already busy with aerobics, bridge club, church choir and teaching Sunday school class. She visits relatives and friends often in South Carolina and Maryland and also has time to keep a small garden.

Nancy Dawley Pearson has traveled extensively for 12 years and has been everywhere she wanted to go except Australia. She loved Alaska, both by land and ship, Scotland especially, and the beauty of Norway. She is very much settled in Asheville, N.C., but plans to look at retirement communities for the future. Her two grandchildren excel, Ian in sports and Courtney as a twirler with a straight A+ average. Her niece is a sophomore at MWC and loves it.

Good news for **Rebecca Fristoe Goode**'s granddaughter, who has received early acceptance at MWC for this year.

Jean Quillan St. Martin wrote about boarding a plane in Tri City and finding that she was sitting next to Joe Huettel and his wife, **Ruth Gilmer Huettel**, on their way to a Christmas family reunion in Denver, Colo. Jean was on her way to New Orleans for a reunion with her daughter's family, **Jeanne St. Martin Cline** '76. Jean and Ruth have been living in the same area for many years but had not seen each other since college days. Jean sets goals for herself, such as seeing all the plantations in Louisiana and Mississippi, the Civil War Battlefields, and this year, museums with Fabergé eggs and jewelry. She is extremely active in civic associations.

Ruth and Joe went to the Master's in Augusta. She responded to my telling her about Jean Quillen St. Martin's note by saying that Jean had done a wonderful job with her seventh-graders, taking them each year to Washington for a week. Having been a teacher of sorts myself, I realize what a challenge that must have been, and Jean, I salute you! Ruth and Joe spent Christmas in Boulder with her son and family and went to a ski resort, Joe and Ruth being part of the après-ski group only.

Carol Byrd Williamson visited London and Sorrento, staying with friends in England and traveling in Italy with her daughter and family. I spent a week with her, **Sarah Armstrong Worman, Justine Edwards Borland, Betsy Robertson** and **Anne Buckles Orteig** '49 in late April at Duck, N.C. We didn't draw a breath!

Pat Maguire Bilodeau's husband underwent knee surgery but is recuperating splendidly. They were about to return to their beloved St. Martin's for some R&R before those granddaughters got home from college. One of them was selected to spend a semester in Cape Town, South Africa, leaving on July 4 and returning in mid-November.

Sarah Armstrong Worman has had a year filled with various family crises, but something good comes out of everything. The best part of her Arizona stay with her recuperating sister was her accidental encounter with **Alice Cassriel "Cass" Whitman** in a shopping mall. They had a wonderful visit, both so surprised to see the other, and Sarah said that Cass is just as vivacious as ever and loves being back in teaching as a part of the Arizona school system.

Charlotte Smith Hill's husband, Jim, took a Westsail 32 from New Orleans to Pensacola in 60-knot winds but had no complaints about the weather. They both vacationed with their son and family in Montreal, Canada, the daughter-in-law's hometown, which they found to be a beautiful city. Charlotte has completed a watercolor workshop, with Gulf Coast artist Pam Marshal, learning to incorporate arbitrary shapes into her paintings.

Last winter **Ruth Sargent Campbell** left Florida to visit in the snow near Yosemite National Park. Her three sons and their very active families joined them for Easter, among them Ruth's first great-grandchild. She sometimes feels as though she is running an inn as they have many houseguests. In May she went to New Hampshire, where they have purchased some woodland adjoining their home place. There they have a buggy, which they hitch to their lawn tractor to take guests for rides in the woods. She has joined a group of Country Western fiddling seniors for some fun "sweet jams." Besides all this entertaining, Ruth walks three miles a day, plays bridge, is in a Bible-study group and plays violin in the orchestra.

Nina Giera Schmidt and Don spent a month in San Diego meeting a new granddaughter. Equal time was spent in a visit with another daughter in Toronto camping, sailing and biking. Their 50th anniversary was celebrated at Christmas, many activities and a beautiful dinner party making it a very busy season indeed! Nina is still up to her old golfing tricks, playing the tournament circuit, but with a second time-consuming hobby, that of making rosary beads. She and her group of 18 members have made nearly 20,000 in 18 months. "Hopefully," she wrote, "we will have some influence with peace on earth." She spends time watching an athletic grandson nearby in his various accomplishments and also has a dean's list grandson in college in New York.

This past summer my husband and I decided on a change of pace, though not a change of country. We planned to take a flat in London, do some theater, visit some friends, and probably go down to see our group in West Sussex. I also took trips to Sea Island, to Nantucket and to Linville, N.C., so don't think I was idle, but surely missed our beloved Downs countryside.

If I didn't have a note from you, I would love you to drop me a line in time for the next newsletter. And how about some of you non-communicators sending along a little news for your classmates to enjoy!

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If no news is good news, then all must be well, as we have very little news to report. Life goes on and, for most of us, it's a lot of the "same old, same old," but we would like to hear about your "same olds," which is what keeps us reaching out to touch someone.

Betty Bond Heller Nichols said she is doing as well as can be expected, although the death last May of her husband, Lee, left a great void in her life. "He was such a presence in the house and my heart." Too many of us know that feeling. B.B. is grateful that her daughter, Cathy, and husband Jim moved from Florida to Floyd, Va., virtually on top of the world. Cathy has a wonderful job (as does Jim) as a librarian doing public relations for a consortium of libraries in the area. B.B. enjoys having daughter Anne, her husband and now four children live only two houses up the street from her. B.B. spends a lot of time with the children and consequently shared pink eye with them. Her infection settled in her ear, which, in spite of antibiotics, caused a temporary loss of hearing in that ear. She said it had a profound effect on her ability to play the piano. Those whom she accompanies and we who love to hear her play pray for an early and complete recovery. B.B. wrote that she is keeping as busy as possible in her new life status. She planned to spend a week at the beach during the summer with Anne and her troops, as well as take a short Caribbean cruise in July with three close women friends.

To the dismay of a lot of children and parents in Lancaster, Pa., **Barbara Watson Barden** finally has retired from teaching dancing! She said she cannot teach without demonstrating and, try as she might, her bones and joints just can't take the strain any more. Some of us who have a hard time just getting up and down simply are amazed at Barbara's agility at this age. Now she keeps herself busy choreographing interesting programs, the latest being a dance for the museum commemorating the painting of a Mr. Demuth, who started the oldest tobacco shop in Lancaster and was the manufacturer and seller of snuff and cigars.

Since Bob also is retired, he and Barbara have had more free time, spending more of the summer last year in New Hampshire relaxing and visiting with family at their cottage on Silver Lake and accepting their son Jeff's invitation to join him, his wife and daughter in sunny Florida shortly after Christmas. Barbara is very involved with her book club and a fine arts organization, of which she is the president. The flesh may be failing, but her enthusiasm and interest in all things still is as strong as ever.

Driving their SUV from a still-stark Toronto in mid-April, **Conni Conley Stuart** and husband Bonar were delighted to find St. Louis in all the beauty of a full-blown springtime. The Stuarts

arrived to spend the Easter weekend with their son, Curtis, and his family and were joined by son Tony and his daughter, Shayna, who flew in from Los Angeles. Tony's wife, Karen, and son Ben were unable to join them, as Ben was on a trip to D.C. and Karen had to remain in L.A. for his return. The family gathering was a twice-blessed occasion as Easter also was the date of Conni and Bonar's 50th. Congratulations to our classmates who also are so privileged this year!

With a busy weekend of family activities, Conni took time out for a phone chat with **June Davis McCormick**, reporting that she and Bonar were flying to New Orleans for a long-awaited week. They had a fun-filled, busy stay in New Orleans, did all the tours and took in all the sights and sounds of the city. On their last night, returning to their hotel in the French Quarter, they followed the sounds of Dixieland jazz to a courtyard, where they were surprised and amused to learn that the musicians were a group from Toronto there for a jazz festival, with several of their Canadian fans also in attendance.

The Stuarts had a leisurely drive back to Toronto. Conni keeps busy and hopes to have her workshop role in the production of a new musical version of "Peggy Sue Got Married," now playing in London, and possibly to be mounted in Toronto in the near future.

For those of us who are computer illiterate and don't know a dot from a com, **Lucy Vance Gilmer** never ceases to amaze us. Self-taught, Lucy is a marvel with her computer skills. She has been busy this year updating her church's records, long dormant, and has compiled lists of everything from membership to attendance. She generated line and pie charts in every category and really is bringing the church records into the 21st century. Lucy had a corrective laser procedure on her second cataract-surgery eye in February and reported general improvement in her vision.

After a lengthy report of the misfortune that befell **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** last October as she and Les began their tour of Italy, we're happy to give you an update on her recovery. Jackie had another surgery in March to remove one screw from the hardware holding her foot together; the rest remains in place. In April, she took her first hesitant steps and hopes to improve with time. She was able to climb the steps, flat-footed, of her church on Easter Sunday, and she and Les planned to spend some time in May at their Florida condo now that she can manage the steps there. Jackie said that all is well with their family; they have a new, bouncing 10-pound grandchild, courtesy of daughter René. Jackie and Les continue hearing from various members of their ill-fated tour group, as well as the Italian family of the young daughter/driver who hit Jackie and changed her lifestyle.

Andi Dulany Lyons reported that her granddaughter, Dulany, is safely home from her semester studying art in London. She had a great time there and also, during spring break, when she traveled with several friends to Germany and Austria. Lany's sister, **Andrea** '03, is enjoying MWC and especially playing her beloved bass in the MWC/Fredericksburg Community Orchestra. Next in the lineup is granddaughter Chloë, who, after graduating from high school, opted for Appalachian State College in Boone, N.C., planning a degree in teaching English as a second language. The other three grandchildren are all in middle school, doing whatever children do in middle school, which, Andi said, is almost what she did at MWC, the curriculums are so advanced.

By now, a new freshman in the Class of '05 has been selected to receive our Class of '49 scholarship. We hope to have a report of that for the next issue of *MWC Today* that includes our class notes (summer 2002). We wish we had more news of other classmates to pass along, but, to use Ethel Barrymore's classic line: "That's all there is; there isn't any more." Please remember to add a few lines of news in your holiday cards. As ever, love to y'all from boffus.

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It is always a pleasure to receive greetings and news from you at holiday time, and I will attempt to share some of the activities of your classmates.

From Florida comes news of **Clelia Boushee Bullard**, who, with husband Ray, enjoys history and visiting Revolutionary War battlefields in North and South Carolina. Clelia belongs to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Ray is involved in the male counterparts of these organizations. **Jackie Newell Recker** and Len took an enjoyable cruise on the Radisson to Lisbon. Except for a few short jaunts to Charleston, S.C., and Callaway Gardens, Ga., they have kept busy in Florida. Jackie attended a luncheon with **Janey Gardner Mallory** and **Helen Hopkins Timberlake** that was hosted by an MWC representative who told them about the future plans for the College. In Lakeland, Fla., **Barbara Huber Bohmann** was happy to report that daughter Jill gave birth to her third son in August 2000, and that all of Barbara's children would be with her for the holidays. **Elmira Doolittle Daniel** wrote that husband Dave had fully recovered from the health problem he had that kept them from the reunion. They have their Stuart, Fla., home for sale. Their permanent abode will be in Rhode Island. Elderhostel-lovers **Connie Metzger Verlander** and Joe attended several sessions in 2000. One was given in Florida by the Foreign Service Association (retired State Department ambassadors, etc.); another in Portsmouth, Va., when the Tall Ships sailed into Hampton Roads; and an outstanding one at Chatauqua in S.W. New York state that they followed with a few delightful days at Niagara-by-the Lake in Canada.

Gerry Boswell Griffin and Dave left their Jekyll Island, Ga., home in August 2000 for a coastal Norway cruise tour, which started in Copenhagen. They flew to Oslo and then Kirkenes at the very top of Norway above the Arctic Circle. From there they boarded a coastal steamer for a five-day cruise through narrow fjords, past waterfalls, and disembarked at Bergen for three days on their own. From their home in Kitty Hawk, N.C., **Shirley Cole Schleter** and John took several trips around the country in connection with John's involvement with the Masons and Royal Order of Scotland. John celebrated 50 years as a Freemason. Son Chris returned from Australia only to go to the vicinity of Salt Lake City, as he will have his first experience with the winter games of the Olympics. Shirley continues with bridge and water aerobics. Heard from **Nancy Herring Stuart** that **Betty Turner Jones** of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., had a nice trip to Europe following our 50th, but on her return she fell and broke her shoulder in four places and had to have shoulder replacement surgery. Fortunately, her daughter lives nearby.

Mary Mount Lind and Dick took a trans-Atlantic cruise with stops in France, Spain, Portugal, Azores and ending in Boston. One of the highlights was visiting the Normandy beaches. Because they attended their granddaughter, Lindsey's, high-school graduation in Wisconsin, **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** and Bill did not attend our 50th. Of interest is that following her graduation, Lindsey left to spend a year in Costa Rica under the auspices of the American Field Service. She is to live with a family in San Jose and attend the university there. Barb and her daughter plan to take a trip to visit her. Also "expanding her horizon" locally, Barb has become a member of the Municipal Authority of Warren, Pa., has joined a newly formed investment club and the women's club. She is still into the Two B's — bridge and books.

Two of our classmates had been lost for a long time before our 50th reunion, but they returned for the occasion and it was good to welcome them back. **Nancy Redmon Coen** lives in Richmond. Nancy had been married to Capt. Hudson West, an Air Force test pilot, for eight years before he was killed. A man found his dog tags in the desert where he crashed, and in late summer 2000 The Lost Bird Historical Association had Nancy, her children and their families to Las Vegas to celebrate the life of Hudson T. West. She said it was wonderful for the children but hard on her. She has been married to her present husband, Joe, for 26 years. Then at the end of September, the family headed to Colorado Springs, where the 50th fighter bomber wing was having a reunion. Nancy and Hut had been with them for four years in Germany, and her children, who were 5, 3 and 2 when their dad died, wanted to meet the pilots who flew with their dad. Nancy had another daughter from an unsuccessful marriage. While she was raising four children, she taught in the school from which she graduated in Hanover County. After her three oldest children got through college, she met and married Joe, who has two sons.

Barbara Cable Field was the other lost member of the class. She lives in Hudgins, Va. She was a French teacher at Gloucester High School for 17 years. Her husband, Herb, is a retired juvenile and domestic relations judge. They have two daughters, both of whom live in Charlottesville with their families, and Barbara enjoys visiting the grandchildren often. Her husband has lost most of his eyesight and is receiving help from the state Visually Handicapped Association, who teach him how to do things. Barbara has had lunch with **Nan Riley Pointer**, who lives in Gloucester. Nan and Joe were blessed with another grandson in early 2000, and they also took a 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal and down the west side of South America to Chile. They also made stops in Ecuador and Peru, but the high point was their stay in Santiago, where they spent the day with a former AFS exchange student who had been at Nan's school. He, now an air traffic controller in Santiago, his wife and little girl took them around the city. Nan is active in United Methodist Women, serving as spiritual growth coordinator for the Virginia conference. At the annual conference in June 2000, she received the Bridge Builder Award.

Peggy Rudacille Chapman and her husband of Suffolk, Va., enjoyed some traveling — a week at Corolla, N.C., and then a tour of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and the Magdalenes. **Martha Carr Huddleston** became a grandmother for the fourth time in November 2000. Laura Emily is Sam's daughter, and they live in Arizona. Martha's health has not been too good, but she said she is "still kicking." **Carol Bailey Miller** was elected for a second term to the board of directors for the Virginia Horse Show Association. At the annual meeting in December 2000, she was given the Andrew Montgomery Award, a perpetual trophy awarded every year to the person, show manager, exhibitor, or horse that has done the most for the VHSA during the past year. It is a surprise award, and Carol was overwhelmed to be included in the illustrious group of previous recipients. She is also co-chairman

of the historical committee of the association and is working on a history of the VHSA.

Barbara Booker Palmer and Al spent part of August 2000 in the North Carolina mountains with all 12 of their family. Barbara and Al were in Virginia Beach for the high-school graduation of their oldest grandson, and **Billie Mitchell Hanes** had a nice phone chat with Barbara. Billie was pleased to report better health, and that she and Dick enjoy visiting their families in New York and Vermont. On the other hand, a recent letter from **Marcy Weatherley Morris** told of Juney's triple bypass surgery along with a new aortic valve that took place in January. This was after the death of Marcy's mother, who was just short of age 92. The good news is that now all of their family are living in the area, and Marcy and Juney are looking forward to happy retirement days.

Jean Sprower Hampton's daughter, Kathy, recently had a book published, *Things My Mother Taught Me*. It's about Jean and her parenting — Jean is on the cover. A lovely family wedding picture was sent to me from **Nell Grieve Swanson**. Her daughter was married in September 2000 and she said it was the biggest event in their family in the last 20 years. **Mary Cottingham Hardy** enjoyed a two-week trip to the Holy Land in July 2000 with her church group. She, too, is happy to have all her family nearby. She said that **DG Pate Wilson** is not doing well. She is almost completely blind and is in constant pain with fibromyalgia.

In closing, I have to report some sad news — the death of my roommate, **Charlotte Leonard Wilder**, in February. And then I heard from **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** that **Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler** had passed away quite unexpectedly. She had been recovering well from the serious illness she suffered before our reunion, and she and Lloyd were planning a get-together. Our sympathy goes to both Charlotte's and Nickey's families.

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To all our "Golden Girls" and **Don Whittle**, who came back for our 50th reunion — thanks a million. For all of you who were not here — we missed you!

It was a fun time, and we really enjoyed ourselves. You should have seen each of us eyeing the badges with our senior pictures, and then realizing who we were talking to. In other words, some of us had a little trouble recognizing each of the 36 that were there. Some bad weather didn't stop us from getting together. Saturday some of us toured the campus; others went by bus to see the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies — an interesting center. There were also lectures to attend. Our pictures were taken on the steps of Monroe Hall. We then had our reunion picnic and got to eat under the tent since we were the "Golden Girls."

Our class party took place in Ball Hall. Talking and laughing were the orders of the day. Ruth even had to blow the whistle to get our attention. We first remembered all 26 of our classmates who are no longer with us. Five years from now, we will also have the same reunion coordinator and class agent — **Lorraine Frantz Foulds** and me. We are counting on **Sarah Herring Estes** to do our reunion booklet.

The MWC Foundation gave a lovely cocktail reception before the banquet. The banquet was a huge success and the Class of '51 got to sit in the front, quite close to the speaker's platform. Isn't it great to be "Golden Girls?" After the banquet, we all went our different ways to celebrate. A nice weekend was enjoyed by all. We'll be back in five years!

Now, the news from you all.

Surelle Gettman sent her hellos — she has ALS and couldn't get to the reunion. **Frances Chesson La Camera** had planned to attend but fell at home, breaking four ribs and puncturing a lung. We hope she has fully recovered. **Elaine West Fry** missed our reunion because she was immersed in a week-long bridge tournament. **Andy Puryear Phillips** was unable to attend because she is having difficulties getting around with severe osteoarthritis in her knees and other joints.

Nilda "Biggie" Fernandez Alsip wrote from Mobile, Ala., where she and Tom have lived most of their married life, that they have two sons, both physicians and practicing in Mobile. They also have five grandchildren, including a set of twins. They had graduations and confirmations the end of May that kept them from our reunion.

Rose Plewniak Morsh and her husband have retired. Although she originally came from France, which she will always miss, she is loyal and dedicated to the United States. **Louise Davis Hume** makes beautiful lace. It is fascinating to watch her work. **Edwina "Eddie" Chapman Willard** wrote that **Roxanne Chace Hall** died in March 1998. She was a retired math teacher from the Newport News, Va., school system. She is survived by a son and a daughter. Eddie sent us a special thought: "The ideals and impact upon our spirits, which we gained from our four years together, have and will continue to remain with us as long as we live."

Marie Rhodes Cappiello and Frank have three children and four grandchildren, whom they see often. Marie exercises regularly, has yoga class weekly and belongs to two book clubs. Visiting museums and architecture are strong interests, as well. They are looking forward to their trip to the Cotswolds. Thanks, Marie, for all you did for raising money for our class gift. **Ruth DeMiller Hill** has completed writing a book about herself, children, parents and grandparents. This was accomplished between working in the yard and collecting elephants and swans. She has seven grandchildren between the ages of 2 and 17.

Helen Barr Friedman is well and happy as a housewife. She enjoys golf and hospital volunteering. Her husband, Burnley, is retired. They have two daughters, Cindy Jo and Holly. Her outstanding memory of MWC is Mrs. Bushnell blowing a whistle after a dance to "let" the girls go back to their rooms so the boys wouldn't walk with them. She never went to another dance.

Dorothye "Dot" Belden Wood is now a housewife, having retired from professional volunteer work. Dot and her husband, Bill, fish a lot. Dot wants everyone to know that her education at MWC prepared her well for her years of teaching, raising a family, and being community conscious as a volunteer. She and Bill have two children, Kim and Kevin, and four grandchildren.

Lois Bellamy Martin Strode is a volunteer at her church, a museum, and at court. Husband Hildreth is a retired engineer. They have three grown children and a total of eight grandchildren. **Eddie Brazil Baltz** holds a part-time position as director of the children's educational program with the National Society of Colonial Dames in the state of New York. She is also continuing her educational studies at NYU in management and human resources with a concentration in training and development. She and Bill have been married for 43 years and have two sons and one grandson.

Mary Frances Brown Smith is a homemaker. She is married to Arthur Preston Smith, who is retired from General Electric and the Marine Corps. They have two grown sons. **Jeanne Burckell Macdonald** is a homemaker and spends her free time reading, gardening, antiquing and staying in touch with family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

Ingeborg Buseman Kistler is a part-time general manager at North Shore Choral Society. After leaving MWC with a B.A. in mathematics, she went on to earn an M.A. in English and comparative literature from Columbia U. Her husband, Alan, is a retired professor emeritus at Northwestern U. Inge and Alan had three children: Lynn, Eva and Stephen, who is deceased. Inge enjoys music, photography, birding, hiking and swimming. She translated a book, *Enchanted Remembrance*, from German to English, the autobiography of her great-grandaunt, Susanne Schmaltz. The book is for sale through Inge.

Ruth Carroll Fisk is a retired psychologist with three children. **Frances Carter Dugger** is a retired elementary school teacher with Fairfax County. Her husband, Robert, is retired from the Department of Army. They have one daughter and one granddaughter. Frances taught for 34 years. In 1991, she and Bob made a bold decision to move to Jefferson City, Mo., to be near their daughter and family. The move has been a wonderful experience, and each day brings exciting and new adventures!

Anne Craig Rusmisell is enjoying retirement with such activities as reading, listening to classical music, doing church work and working with the Prince George County Democratic Committee. She spent most of her career teaching French. Her husband, Charles, passed away in 1990. She lives with her 14-year-old Beagle, Suzanne. **Ann Critzor Gaynor** has owned and managed an apartment complex since 1980. She is also president of Handy Helpers Inc. She retired from the staff of U.Va. in 1986, and she is also a retired owner of Blue Ridge Terrace Gift Shop (1986-1999). Ann has two sons, Wayne and Jeffrey.

Barbara Dod Whittle is active in many organizations relating to historic preservation. She also writes a monthly food column for *Blue Ridge Traditions*, and she has written a cookbook, *Shenandoah Seasons*. She has four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, who love to visit her. **Elizabeth Fitzgerald Braden** is a retired math teacher. She and her husband, Boyd, who is also retired, have three children and three grandchildren. She enjoys traveling and has recently been to England, Scotland and Wales.

Elizabeth Fletcher Adams and husband Bill are both retired. They have four grown children and six grandchildren. Betsy still enjoys horses as well as family, friends and garden work. **Lorraine Frantz Foulds** is a wife, mother, grandmother and part-time tax preparer. Her husband, Henry, is a retired banker. They have three children and four grandchildren. Lorrie has taken up line dancing, plays bridge and writes occasionally for the newsletter at the retirement village. Lorrie wants everyone to know that she is no longer skinny, nor does she have brown hair.

Dorothy Gravatt Hunter is a homemaker, and her husband, John, is retired from DuPont Company. They have two children, Elizabeth Hunter Lang and John E. Hunter III. **Glorianna Howell Gibbon** and husband John had four children. One of her children, Ian, is deceased. **Dorothy Kinsey Richardson** and her husband, Harvey, have four daughters: Marie, Jan, Susan and Jenny.

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Hobbs McDaniel is an adult ESL substitute teacher for Port Washington Schools in New York. Her husband, Louis, is an engineer for the NYC School Construction Authority. They have two grown sons, Kevin and Kirk. Jackie helps new arrivals from foreign countries adjust to a new life in America. She likes to travel and had been doing so with her father.

She and her husband continue to travel now.

Marilyn Hughes Siegle is a retired teacher of 20 years. After teaching, she was the middle school head for a private school for learning-disabled students. Her husband, John, is a chemist for DuPont Company. Marilyn has five children, including four stepchildren, and loves spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoys working at Winterthur Museum as docent and is also a docent for designer showcase homes.

Constance Kontopamos Cole earned her M.S. in elementary school administration after finishing MWC. She and husband Buddy, deceased, had two children, **Susan** '76 and William Jr. Connie enjoys reading, knitting, walking, cooking and church activities. She said that trials and tribulations pale in comparison to the joys God has given her. She lives in her hometown and is loved and appreciated.

Judy Mack Magee is a homemaker. She and her husband, Harrison, now retired, have two grown children, Robert and Susan, five grandchildren and a very happy life. **Marguerite McNeil** went to U.Va. to get her master's in 1961. She enjoys reading, gardening and playing bridge.

Cynthia Medley England is retired but continues to write free-lance features and song lyrics. Her songs have been recorded by Eydie Gorme and Nina Simone. Her articles in the *New York Times* have been instrumental in stopping a jet port from being built in the Everglades region. She also enjoys gardening, reading, working for the protection of the environment.

Betty Meriwether Mills is retired, having taught biology, chemistry and science. She later took over her husband's food brokerage business when he passed away in 1997. She retired, dissolving the company in December 1998. Betty has four children and seven grandchildren and loves visiting them and having them visit her. Betty's hobbies and interests include tennis, bridge, church activities and bereavement committee.

Eugenia Moran Cheney is a retired elementary school teacher. Her husband, Robert, is retired from the U.S. Army and also from Lockheed. They have four children. Eugenia enjoys volunteering, religious activities and nursing.

Sarah Mount Blazevic and husband David have three grown children. Sarah is retired, and David is a self-employed consultant. Sarah's interests and hobbies include bridge, golf, traveling and genealogy. They live in Arizona and have six grandchildren. Her children live in Washington state, Utah and Iowa, so they do a lot of traveling.

Betty Pou Reeves and her husband, James, have one grown son, Robert. James is a retired DuPont engineer. Betty spends her time attending the academy of life-long learning.

Anne Ruggles Curfman is a retired home engineer, and husband Howard is a retired aeronautical engineer with NASA. They have five children and 18 grandchildren that keep them busy. Anne's hobbies and interests include attending the Elder Presbyterian Church, all forms of needlework, swimming, walking and traveling.

Blanche Schiller Davidson is retired from teaching, and her husband, Marvin, is retired from real estate appraisal. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Blanche enjoys art, aerobics and fitness, spending time with her grandchildren, traveling and biking in all parts of the country.

Betty Schufflebarger Butler is an organist, choir director and a piano teacher. Her husband, Bobby, is deceased. They had two children, Dennis and Paul. Betty enjoys playing bridge and reading.

Elizabeth Smith Hughes is the executive editor of *The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower* with the history department at Johns Hopkins U. Husband Charles works in the field of marine transport as chairman of Vane Brothers Co. They have two children, Anne and Duff. Betsy enjoys playing tennis, reading and family activities with her five grandchildren. She wants her classmates to know that MWC laid the foundation for her lifetime career as an editor and writer. Her appreciation of the four years at the College grows deeper as time goes by. She is demonstrating that appreciation by supporting the campaign for the new Alumni Executive Center.

Marjorie "Marge" Southcott Graham is a homemaker for husband Jerome, who is retired from his first career and is now a real estate broker. They have two grown sons, John and Robert. Marge enjoys reading, doing water exercises, playing bridge, spending time with her grandchildren in North Carolina and Texas, and walks on the beach enjoying the dolphins and birds. One of her favorite memories of MWC is of Mrs. Bushnell teaching all the students in the dining room the proper way to remove fruit pits from their mouths.

Hannah Southwell McGowan and husband Charles have two sons, Mark and Ted, who are both grown. Charles is retired from Southern Bell and AT&T. Hannah enjoys family and church activities, music organizations, photography and walking. She says that going to Mary Washington and everything connected to those four years meant a lot to her. The most special things for her are the friendships that she has made.

Beverly Steele Livesay and her husband, Clarence, have four boys and one girl, and all are grown and married. They have 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bev enjoys reading, gardening, doing church work and volunteering for Meals on Wheels. She enjoys life in Georgia, and most of her family lives nearby.

Anne Taylor Miller and her husband, Russell, are both retired. Anne enjoys gardening.

Edythe Wagner Kleinpeter is an independent stage director and actress. Her husband, Hubert, is retired, and they have four grown children. She says that theater has been her hobby and her vocation for her adult life, however her home and family are most important.

Jean "Tomme" Tomko Chapman is a retired school librarian. Tomme got her M.E. from U.Va. in 1976. Her husband, Joseph, is an engineer with Newport News Shipbuilding. They have one son, Tom. She and her husband garden almost year 'round. They grow some old varieties and save the seeds for the next year. Jean still loves to read and also entertains at Kill Devil Hills, N.C., from Easter until Thanksgiving.

Jean Zeigler Lifsey earned her B.S. in library science from UNC in 1954. Her husband, William, is retired from the Virginia Tax Department. They have two children, William and Mary. She enjoys genealogy, traveling to Europe and her six grandchildren. She wants her classmates to know that she is fortunate to enjoy health and happiness.

Frances Chesson La Camera is a soprano soloist at the First Methodist Church; she also gives programs around the St. Petersburg area. Frances married Frank 46 years ago while she taught band and chorus in a high school. She earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She was one of seven national finalists of the NATS singer of the year contest and was also a second place winner of the southeast region of the Metropolitan Opera auditions. Frances enjoys sitting in on the drums at occasional wedding receptions, but her true love is voice.

Ruth DeMiller Hill sent a letter with a short synopsis of her life to the alumni association. After leaving MWC she became a social worker for the Alabama Department of Public Welfare for 18 months. At the end of 1952, she married Ensign William Watson Hill Jr., who was in the air division of the U.S. Navy. After Navy service, Bill went to Purdue to earn his master's. Ruth has lived on Lake James for almost 40 years in the same house. She and Bill were divorced in 1969. Ruth became Angola's Welcome Wagon hostess that year and kept that position for almost 29 years. Her three children are all married and have given her seven grandchildren ranging in age from 17 years to 2 years. Scout, a much-loved collie dog, entered her life seven years ago. Duke (Robert), a retired physics teacher, entered her life about the same time. The three of them spend a lot of time together. Ruth enjoys gardening, collecting elephants, cutting out newspaper clippings and working with genealogy. She has recently finished a biography of her parents, grandparents and children and an autobiography of her own life.

As for me, I'm a retired counselor and teacher, and I work at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop at least three days a week. I'm vice president of the local Retired Teachers Association, an active mall-walker, make flags and banners for schools and individuals, and also enjoy being the class agent for the Class of '51. I still love to talk and laugh. Husband Edgar, who is retired, and I have one son and a grandson.

We did have a good time at our 50th reunion — hope we can do another good one in five years! Good wishes to you all.

1952

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Our 50th is fast approaching. Reunion weekend will be May 31, June 1 and 2, 2002.

Alice Parsons Bennett and Skip have lived in the Seattle area for over 40 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. On a recent trip to the East Coast to visit family and friends, the Bennetts spent an enjoyable evening with **Elaine Nader Powell** and Jim. On the West Coast, Alice has seen **Jean Crews Derry**, who has moved in recent years from Florida to California, and **Marjorie Eames Cramer**, who attended MWC her freshman year. Alice has taken secretarial classes at her local community college and has worked at several jobs. She has also obtained a certificate in professional genealogy from Brigham Young U. and has done extensive research on her family history, as well as research for others. It's her favorite hobby.

Jacquelin Carter Alexander is an accomplished watercolor artist. In 1972 she had a private audience with Princess Grace. Mary Cassatt's nephew of Charleston, S.C., commissioned her to paint his home and topiary garden. Jackie has limited prints available at her studio in downtown Fredericksburg, Williamsburg, Alexandria, New Orleans and Charleston, to name a few. She and her engineer husband, Joe, travel to Europe every couple of years, mainly for Jackie to paint. They took a river cruise last year along the Mainz, Danube and Rhine rivers.

Ernest and **Nancy Moxley Stone** and Kenneth and **Nancy Stump Motley** enjoyed a wonderful cruise to Alaska. **Jean Amis Hill** and Clyde often combine their traveling with visits to their grandchildren. **Mary Ann Jones Beard**'s most exciting 2000 event was her spectacular balloon trip over the Swiss Alps. She, **Gwen Amory Cumming**, **Charlotte Adams Harrell** and **Louise Sakakini Summs** met for lunch last summer. Charlotte and Bob enjoy traveling with organized tours and going to Elderhostels. Gwen keeps busy with four grandchildren and helping

the Hampton History Museum become a reality. Recently Louise and Jack met with Frank and **June Wilderson Lane**. Louise and June were tickled that, although they hadn't seen each other since graduation, they had no trouble recognizing each other.

Family and friends were saddened by the death of Francis Archer LeFurgy in 1999 of lung cancer. Married for almost 40 years, he was the husband of **Priscilla Roberts LeFurgy** of Hilton Head, S.C. Last year, Priscilla began treatment for breast cancer. She is doing well. She keeps in touch with **Susan Jones Hewton** of Kennett Square, Penn. Both have been searching the Internet for former suitemates — without success. **Elizabeth Brice Lendian** and Armando have purchased a German shepherd puppy, which keeps them hopping. In August 2000, Betty celebrated her seventh anniversary of breast cancer survival. As do several of our classmates, she does Reach for Recovery volunteer work.

Maxine Haley Hazelgrove, **Carol Oliver Headlee** and Tom visited us last fall. The following month, the five of us went to dinner and a play at a community theater in Richmond. John and I won tickets to the theater's next production, so the Headlees hosted us again in February.

With both families living in Charlottesville, **Harriet Hodges Mohler** and Dan see **Janet Heilmann Meador** and Dan. Harriet attended MWC for two years and was graduated from U.Va. Until retirement, her husband was a professor of medicine at U.Va. for 31 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Nancy Cundey Peacock and Charles live in Williamsburg. Nancy said she recently attended a monthly meeting of the MWC Peninsula chapter and regretted that she was the only one of our class in attendance.

A Connecticut resident for many years, **Marie "Weege" Attianese Harlow** of Southport keeps in touch with several classmates. She is a widow with two daughters, a son and three grandchildren, one born recently. Weege sells real estate, does volunteer work, and plays tennis in her spare time. **Elizabeth Barton Robie** of San Antonio, Texas, worked 25 years for the city of San Antonio, but when her husband, a chaplain, was living they traveled and lived in many places. She keeps busy with three children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They all live in Texas. Elizabeth is very involved in volunteer work for her church and various civic organizations.

Rita Morgan Stone and husband Jake are happily retired in Alexandria, Va. When the Northern Virginia traffic gets too hectic, they escape to their country place, where Rita grew up in Buckingham County. Last summer, however, this peace and calm in the country was disrupted by a burglary, which almost has a happy ending. In an effort to solve the crime, Rita's niece had left her business card at an auction house in Powhatan, Va., with six or so of the most easily identifiable items listed on the back. One item was a Mary Washington captain's chair bequeathed to Rita by an elderly friend. Looking at the list, the auctioneer was scratching his head and wondering what historical period a Mary Washington chair represented. When he came upon a chair with the Mary Washington College seal sitting in his auction house, he called Rita's niece and said, "I think I have some of your aunt's things here." Sure enough, he did. Much was recovered. Unfortunately, a large framed needlepoint of the Mary Washington College seal is still among the missing, along with her father's family portrait, a collection of Mary Gregory glass and a silver service.

Hope to have many classmates return next year. It will be great catching up on everyone's lives since 1952.

1953

Barbara Faxon Stout
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When last heard from, **Winifred Hundemann Schurek** was looking forward to a visit from former roommate **Alberta Shelton Stornetta** and husband Wade. She stated that they always have a "a good talking time."

By now **Charlotte Benz Villalobos** should be back from a cruise-train trip to Alaska with her daughter, Patty, and grandson, Milo.

Hal and I took a trip from London to Paris, Cologne, Dinant (Belgium) and Amsterdam. The fast trains — TGV at 186 mph and ICE at 120 mph — were wonderful to ride.

We missed hearing from you; please do write!

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
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Babs Wilson Taliaferro, whose husband, William, died in 1997, was married to Dr. Robert I. Potter in October 2000. Bob is a retired thoracic surgeon whose wife was in Babs' book club and was killed in an automobile accident in 1998. Bob is a physician surveyor with JCAHO. Their marriage took place in St. Augustine's Memorial Presbyterian Church with only children and grandchildren in attendance. Having returned from a bike trip in southern Holland with Elderhostel, they permanently reside in Babs' house in Eaglewood, Fla. In June they will travel to Labrador, where Bob is a director of The National Greenfell Association.

Babs says that she included more details because news under Class of '54 is so scant! How about it, classmates?

1955

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Marian Minor sends news of former Virginia Hall neighbor Dr. **Louise W. Robertson** '56 via a note and an article from Fredericksburg's *Free Lance-Star*. In the article, Louise, a pediatric cardiologist and researcher at the University of Virginia, commented on a medical procedure that helps save the lives of babies born without pulmonary valves. Marian writes that Louise was an exceptionally bright student and is an outstanding physician and researcher.

1956

Ann Chilton Power
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From Dr. **Louise Robertson-Monroe**:

This will be your final letter from me as your class agent. **Ann Chilton Power** has graciously agreed to be the new class agent and will be collecting our news for *MWC Today*. Ann is retired and a widow, her husband having died from heart disease two years ago. She is a cancer survivor and has three sons and two granddaughters. She visited **Ann DePadro Bloom** and **Darlene "Dee" Grove McNelis** in Fort Lauderdale in January 2001 and enjoyed it so much that she returned in March for another week. Dee has one daughter, and her husband is deceased. She spends summers in Pennsylvania and winters in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She has an adopted daughter, who does tennis tournaments that include wheelchair users.

There were 20 of us at the reunion. While all of us have seen some difficult times in our lives, we had much to share and it was wonderful spending two hours talking, eating lunch, getting our pictures taken and catching up on each other's busy lives. It is remarkable what some of us have been able to accomplish. Kudos go to **Nanalou West Sauder**, who helped immensely with the news.

Beverly Almond Tucker and her husband, Nelson, have two children. Beverly is retired and is active in the church. She and Nelson have a beef cattle farm.

Nanalou West Sauder, a widow with two children, retired from teaching at the end of the 1996 school year. She has spent the last three winters in Richmond working in the General Assembly session as legislative assistant to Delegate Creigh Deeds. Work, she said, has been good therapy for her since her husband, William, died from cancer. Politically, she was re-elected to the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors in 1999 and served as term chair of that body. She spends time and money repairing and redecorating her 150-year-old house. Although this is not her field of expertise, she has had good people giving advice and doing the work. She enjoys reading, knitting, musical activities and serving as chair of the board of the Friends of the Rockbridge Choral Society. She likes to travel and has been to France, Bavaria, England and Austria. She has a new cocker spaniel, Layla.

Mary Ann Bing Strayer and husband Luther Strayer III have two children. Mary Ann is retired. She earned a B.S. in nursing education at Columbia U. College of Physicians and Surgeons' School of Nursing. She has public health accreditation. Luther is a retired orthopedic surgeon and is now the captain of a ferryboat. Mary Ann's sister, **Chrystene Bing Klar** '59, was also graduated from MWC. Mary Ann serves on the board of zoning appeals and was elected last fall to the board of directors of Hilton Head Plantations, where she chairs the security committee. She also volunteers at the sheriff's office answering the phone and doing the fingerprinting.

Lee Blank Richmond, a professor of education at Loyola College in Baltimore and a consulting psychologist, has four children. After earning her B.S. from Loyola, she took a master's at Hopkins and a Ph.D. from the U. of Maryland. She likes to travel, attend theater, read, write and invest in the stock market.

Virginia Blankenship Gratz has lost two sons, but one son still lives at home. She loves to travel and stays on the phone a lot.

Suzanne "Suzie" Borke Grasberger and her husband, Tom, have four children. Her time is taken up with her children and their families, which includes nine grandchildren. She enjoys smocking and sewing for them. She also enjoys gardening, especially perennials, and traveling to Italy. Suzie's daughter and her husband, Alan, adopted a 15-month-old Russian child in December 2000. Young Grace is from Siberia, where she lived in an orphanage, and is reported to be making a remarkably smooth and rapid adjustment to her new home. Suzanne is also proud of her sister, who is a professor of neuroanatomy at the Uniformed Services U. of Health Sciences in Bethesda and is frequently published in medical and scientific journals.

Sara Bowles Gallagher is a widow and is still doing medical technology part time at Culpeper Regional Hospital. She enjoys cross-stitching and travel. **Mary Gale Buchanan** is a widow and works at the Naval Academy Visitor's Center.

She is active in the Maryland Federation of Arts and is still a big sports fan.

Rheta Burks Snider and her husband, Eddie, are retired from their Northern Virginia teaching careers and have moved back home to Rockbridge County. Rheta's younger brother, Jake, has recently been appointed the county superintendent of schools, and her sister, **Leonie "Nonnie" Burks Harris** '55, lives in Atlanta.

Susan Canter is retired from a legal career. She earned her J.D. in 1977 at Whittier College of Law. Her husband, who was a judge, is deceased. Susan is active in politics, serving as secretary of both the county and state Republican Party organizations. She was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2000.

Carol Carter has retired after 30 years of teaching in three states: Virginia, Connecticut and North Carolina. **Lucy Coates Moise** and her Larry both came to the reunion. They have three children — one is a lawyer in legal aide and one is an artist. Lucy does volunteer work.

Constance Crigler is still in real estate sales in Fairfax, Va. She is the reunion coordinator for the second time in a row. "After graduation from MWC, I worked for the federal government for five years, including two years with the Office of Air Attaché, London, England. In the mid 1960s, I entered real estate full time, working for Jeanne L. Dixon of ESP fame. I took a lot of courses and classes to add to my B.A. in economics and business and gained a lot of real estate contract-negotiating experience. My services include residential, investment and commercial properties. In 1975 I formed Crigler Realty Corp. When the world entered the computer age, I joined Prudential Carruthers Realtors, where I am licensed as an associate broker in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. I am working with a lot of first-time buyers as a buyer's agent and new home construction." She reported her interests as sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with her sailing club, playing tennis, politics (life member of the Capitol Hill Club), investing in real estate, and music (including sing-a-long with her baritone uke). She notes that her elective course in journalism helped get her first job with the Navy Department as editor of *Smokeless Flashes* newspaper.

Elizabeth "Betty" Davies Morie and her husband, Paul, have two children. Betty has graciously volunteered to be the 50-year coordinator. Her family includes three other MWC attendees: her mother, a member of the Class of 1929, and her sisters **Mary Pegram Davies McCartney** '54 and **Lindsay Ann Davies Hamway** '70. Betty and Paul are both retired, and Paul volunteers at a Williamsburg museum. Betty's hobbies and interests include reading, gardening, playing bridge and collecting antiques. Betty spent 40 years serving the children of the Commonwealth as a teacher, public school administrator and college professor. She retired after serving as interim director of the school of education at JMU, where she had been a professor of education. Prior to that service, Betty served as superintendent of schools for the city of Lexington, Va. At the time (1985) she was only the second woman to hold that position in Virginia. She has received many honors, including being named outstanding alumna in 2000 by the Curry School of Education at U.Va. She has also published research on Virginia's women school superintendents.

Patricia A. Dent Baynes has multiple sclerosis and is in a wheelchair. She raised her children by herself. She lives in Sunrise Manor in Richmond and would love your visits and cards. **Anne T. DePadro** works in real estate and has outlived two husbands. **Ruth Estes Tanner** has two children, one a physician and one a physical therapist. She also has three grandchildren.

Michelle Foley McDaniel has three sons and six grandchildren. She taught elementary school in Arizona and Georgia, and then she earned her master's in education at Arizona State U. in 1972. Then she left teaching to work with husband Tim in his fund-raising consulting business as an adviser in grant and proposal writing. She now plays golf, travels and does volunteer work to occupy her time. She looks forward to our Golden Reunion.

Hermine Gross Fox has two children. Hermie's husband, Kerry, died in August 2000 after a six-year struggle with cancer. She reported that she is "doing fine as a widow." She spent Christmas in Houston with her daughter and sees a lot of her son and his family. She is getting her house ready to put on the market because it is too big and plans to move to a townhouse in a nearby gated community. Her activities include needlepoint, antiquing, delivering Meals on Wheels and volunteering at the local hospital.

Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Grumbly Grumman has two children. Liz has retired from her teaching career. Her sister, **Ellen Grumbly deGail**, was a member of the Class of 1961. Liz has explored all aspects of her "self" through being a good daughter, teacher, mother, grandmother and friend. She noted that she has been divorced twice. She loves reading, landscaping, gardening, walking, dancing and being with her family.

Suzanne Heap has two children, but her husband, Anthony, is deceased. She is happily retired after 21 years of teaching elementary school. Both her daughters are married, and she has three grandchildren. She is a master gardener and acts as a consultant on gardens. She enjoys her work as well as traveling and visiting gardens both in the United States and abroad. Suzie went to live in Denmark after our sophomore year and actually graduated with the Class of '57 after her return.

M. Ann Holcomb retired two years ago from her job as electron microscopist at Beaumont Hospital. She went to Michigan after earning a B.S. in medical technology from MWC and MCV and has been there ever since. She wrote that she owns two Gordon setters and one Doberman pinscher as well as one cat that rules the house. She is a docent at the Detroit Zoo. Ann loved her job, but also loves retirement as it gives her more time for the zoo and the dogs.

Helen LeRoux Marston and husband Alan are retired. Helen earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish in 1956 from Boston U. She has several degrees including an M.A. in Spanish from Middleburg, an M.A.T. in English as a second language, an M.S. in guidance and counseling, and a master's in social work. She has retired after an interesting career — 25 years teaching Spanish at Trinity College in Vermont and a year in Morocco in the Peace Corps. She has also traveled to Russia and is still involved with teaching, now doing adult education. She enjoys travel and visiting her international friends. Helen would love to hear from any of us and likes communication by e-mail or in person. She noted that she had seen **Phyllis Kyle Stevenson** '55, whom she meets in NYC for theater.

Carol Martin Owen has three children and is a retired teacher. She enjoys watercolors, gardening and reading. **Ozzi Mask** retired from teaching but is still busy with Sweet Adelines and the associated quartet, as well as with her pets. **Josephine McPherson Heslep** and her husband retired from the building business to go into the storage business. They now do Oasis Sport. They have two sons. **Carolyn Miller Schrader** and husband have two children. Carolyn volunteers as a gallery instructor at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where she teaches children art appreciation, from grades 2 to 12. She enjoys tennis, gardening, traveling, art, downhill skiing, her grandchildren, bridge, reading and teaching at the MFA.

Ann Mitchell Wood is a widow who lives near Lake Anna, not too far from MWC. She enjoys traveling and could not attend the reunion because of a trip to Alaska. She also enjoys decorating, reading and walking. **Dean Murphy Gilmore** and her husband, Worth, have three children and three grandchildren. She works two mornings a week at the YMCA with 2- and 3-year-olds. She enjoys swimming, walking and working out at the Y.

Carole Petley Toone taught school and was an educational coordinator. Now she is remodeling an old home. Carole will be the next booklet coordinator. **Catherine Pizzuti Petraiuolo** lives in New Haven, Conn. She has lost one son from cancer.

Marilyn Platt Goodlett and her husband are retired. Marilyn was a professional potter with pieces in private collections throughout the United States, Japan and Germany. She has returned to painting purely for fun. She enjoys art and has extensive collections of African masks and artifacts as well as American Indian items. She also enjoys playing bridge.

Elizabeth Poteet Pollard has four children and four grandchildren. Her husband is retired. Elizabeth likes to play golf. **Eleanor J. Pratt** earned her M.B.A. in accounting from GWU and is an accountant. She likes reading, yard work and symphony concerts.

Beverly Rogers Whitley and husband William are retired, Beverly from her nursing career and Bill from being a high-school principal. Beverly said she vowed never to be a teacher or a nurse and ended up doing both. She taught in the practical nursing program. She enjoys travel, bridge and church work. **Marie-Louise Rosanelli Metzger** loves to travel so much that she was on a trip during the time of the reunion.

Ashley Kay Pery Saine Nuckols is a widow with two children. Kay does genealogy research and has 71 publications to her credit, including some county historical material and the story of her husband's tragic death. She is active in a number of restoration organizations and directs plays. She enjoys walking, music, dancing and life in general. **Corenne Slater Gray** and her husband attended the reunion. They are retired and enjoy the company of their grandchild, described as "the apple of my eye" by Corenne.

Barbara Strangmann Hiscock is a widow with two children. She returned at the end of January from the National Institute of Health, where she worked in gerontology, first as a test administrator and later as a study manager/coordinator. She has many interests including travel, cooking, reading, her grandchildren, friends, exercise, nutrition and life-long learning.

Marilyn Taylor Breckley and husband Robert are retired. They had three children. Marilyn spent over 20 years as a media coordinator for the Denver public schools and has been a professional floral designer in more recent years. She enjoys reading, travel, computers and time with her family, which includes three grandchildren. Marilyn traveled with her mother in Europe and with Bob in the Far East.

June Ann Tingler Buie and her husband, Marion, have three children and six grandchildren. She is a retired psychologist, having achieved her M.A. in 1968, and has completed other graduate work. She is active in many community endeavors, including the Orange County Museum of Art Council, the Philharmonic Society, a support group to benefit non-profit counseling for youth, the DAR, the UDC and the local genealogical society. She enjoys travel, tennis, golf,

antiques and investing as part of an investment club. June Ann's mother, **Dorothy Rodden Womack**, also attended MWC. **Angela Walton Barksdale** is a widow with four grandchildren.

Margaret White Fary and her husband, Frank, are retired. They had three children. Meg does flowers in the church and became a master gardener in 1996. She is fond of traveling to her favorite places in France, Spain, Williamsburg, Hilton Head and Marco Island.

Jacqueline Wilkins Upp and husband John have two children. Jackie earned her degree in elementary education from UNC. She is a board member of the Cecil Historical Trust and the Cecilton Library.

M. Clair Williams Parker and her husband, David, have two children. Claire is currently doing micro-current therapy on horses at Clair Park Animal Hospital in Stuarts Draft, where David has practiced veterinary medicine for many years. She serves on the Virginia Horse Center Foundation board, is active in church and with her grandchildren and her horses. She particularly enjoys her work with the Virginia Horse Center.

Elizabeth Winstead Stiff and husband William have three children. William is a civil engineer. Betty is retired but is an active volunteer at the Shepherd Center and Make a Wish Foundation. She also mentors elementary school children. She enjoys quilting and reading.

Peggy Wood Wright is retired after 31 years of teaching, and her husband has just been appointed to Ettrick United Methodist Church. She travels with her husband. She wants us to know that after cataract surgery she doesn't have to wear glasses anymore. She collects bells and small vases. She enjoys having her grandchildren around and considers all of them very bright.

As for me, I have had a very challenging past five years, which is why the news has been much less. In 1996, my husband went into a wheelchair from spinal stenosis. He moved in July 2000 to Brighton Gardens. My mother died in October 1999, having had a fully active life with many different accomplishments right up until her final illness. I have been the mother for two nephews, John and Randy Robertson. John died at the end of February at the age of 29. Randy and his wife live in Chicago. I will go part time in pediatric cardiology in July 2001, having been a pediatric cardiology faculty member at the Medical College of Virginia since 1965. Music, yard work, travel and family are very important to me.

1957

Ellen Hertz Hewitt
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In February 2001, Marianne McDermott was named executive vice president of the Kellen Company, one of the nation's largest association management firms. She has more than 25 years experience in business management, public affairs, government relations, communications and legal counseling. A resident of Falls Church, Va., she is an attorney, and is currently a member of the bar of the District of Columbia.

1958

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Jean Lee Anderson Chapman and husband Rodney were in Florida last year to see their youngest daughter, Mary Hendrix, mother of their first grandson. "This is a treat, as we have five granddaughters." They returned after the holidays to help them move, or rather to baby-sit while they moved.

Rodney and Jean Lee continue to live in Richmond. She retired this year to be a full-time grandmother and loves having the children come to visit. Susan, their oldest, and Dan have four daughters and live just four miles away. Nancy and Steve, who have a daughter and were expecting another the end of February, live near Williamsburg. "You can see how many opportunities I have to be a grandmother. I play bridge and attend an exercise class to keep up with friends. Rodney is still working, so I travel with my sister. Last summer we camped all over Southern Utah and some of New Mexico and Arizona." They visited **Kay Ruth McMillan** and Colin at their ranch in Three Rivers, N.M. "It was a wonderful visit — seeing them and driving around the ranch." Last summer they flew to Texas and then camped back to Florida. "I finally got to see the Alamo!"

Jean Lee keeps in touch with **Edith Massie Warner** and **Lucy Geoghegan Cheshire**. Edith lives in Ann Arbor, but her son lives in Richmond. She is enjoying retirement. Lucy and Bill live in Washington, N.C.

Let us hear from you.

1959

Edna Gooch Trudeau
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Hello, hello! Hope everyone is busy! Retirement doesn't seem to slow you down, you just change interests!

Barbara Gordon McNamee has taken on an additional job — technology support at Walsingham Academy, a private school in Williamsburg. Bob plays golf two to three times a week, teaches at Virginia Commonwealth U./Medical College of Virginia Dental School once a week and volunteers once a week at the community health center. He also volunteers at local major golf tournaments, such as the Michelob and President's Cups. He's talked with Tiger Woods! Barbara's William and Mary Synchronized Swimming Team did quite well last year — came in 11th in national championships. Barbara was in Sydney for the Olympic qualifying tournament in April 2000, and she attended the U.S. Nationals as a judge, as well as attending the U.S. Open, the U.S. Age Groups, the U.S. Masters and the World Masters Championship in Munich! Those air miles are piling up! She and Bob started the year 2000 with a fantastic cruise in the Caribbean. In July Barbara attended a meet in Boston, which gave her an opportunity to visit Brad and Julie's new house and, most especially, their new granddaughter, Veronica Sophie, and their two grandsons. In August, most of the family met in Nags Head.

Found out from **Irene Piscopo Rodgers**' last note that **Kay Rowe Hayes** was running for the Virginia legislature. Irene is keeping her usual hectic schedule. She went to the Netherlands in the spring. She and Don went to Los Vegas — their favorite casino was the Luxor. They were in Malta in July for a family wedding.

I am so sorry to tell everyone that we lost **Tene Bing Klar** to cancer in March. She was a lovely, sweet person.

Everyone take care!

1960

Betty Williams
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1961

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The overwhelming consensus of opinion on our 40th Reunion 2001 was that it was truly amazing! We had a big crowd — final count of attendees was 35 classmates and eight spouses. From Friday night's dinner in Seacobeck to Sunday morning's goodbye breakfast, we could be spotted under a silver balloon sporting a giant '61 carried by our class coordinator, **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**.

I had driven up Friday from my daughter's in Raleigh and picked up Lloyd and **Pepper Jacobs Germer**, from Arkansas, at Lloyd's art-filled modern home on the James River in Richmond. We had a brief visit with Lloyd's sister, recently widowed **Cary Tilton Doyle** '60, at her spacious new condo in Richmond and then continued on to rainy Fredericksburg and the gang at the Best Western. We first ran into Walter and **Vaughan Hargroves Scott** passing out Hubs peanuts and ready to party. Next, we ran into **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, all the way from Cheyenne, Wyo., **Judy Early Bidwick**, and, from Kentucky, genealogist Lynn McCarthy, all of whom had been in the Fredericksburg area for a few days and were settled in poolside.

Also poolside were **Judy Saunders Slifer**, well recovered from hip surgery, who was the designated driver from National Airport for travelers **Lynne Williams Neave** from NYC, who had put untold hours into the wonderful reunion booklet and was unanimously voted "the '61er most-changed-for-the-better;" **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** from Maine with a suitcase full of archives from our MWC years; **Polly Updegraff Champ**, who has established an endowed scholarship for an out-of-state student in the arts at MWC in honor of our reunion; and first time reunion attendee art teacher, **Pat Scott Peck**, from Miami. Another D.C. area '61er, **Sue Wilson Sproul**, who is making plans to move to Colorado, had picked up **Carolyn Crum Pannu** from California.

We set out for Friday's reception on Brompton's lawn, but the rain would not stop. Undaunted, we navigated the wet streets of Fredericksburg to Seacobeck. Seacobeck seems to have improved, or could it have been the hosted bar that aided the atmosphere? Soon gathering under Lloyd's balloon were the crowd from the Hampton Inn. **Debbie Phinney Wylie** and Judge and **Brownie Marshall McElroy**, a woodworking artist, had returned for their first reunion and were truly enjoying seeing everyone and vice versa. Debbie was swapping adult education ELS teaching stories with Carolyn. **Vesta "Monny" Smith Newhouse** and her cousin, **Sue Southern Roush**, saw the silver balloon and joined the chatting crowd. Jim and **Patty Cairns Hourin** were up from Mississippi showing the grandchildren and their son's wedding pictures to Jim and **Lynne Wilson Rupert**, who had come from their new retirement paradise in Temecula, Calif.

While the storms raged outside, Jim and Patty were nervously watching for brother and sister-in-law, Doug and **Dee Doran Cairns**, from Alabama who finally arrived after being involved in a traffic jam for several hours on the way from the D.C. airport. Bill and **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** had come from York, Penn., still relishing the joy of Ellen's new grandson. Virginia quilter **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** had California artist **Janie Riles** in tow, who shared photos of her wonderful watercolors and her plans to hopefully guide a '61ers trip to France. **Marcia Minton Keech**, taking a break from her busy real estate business,

was with **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock**, who had cut her vacation in Scotland short to be here for the festivities. **Carol Schock Furman**, an elementary teacher, came from Charlottesville. **Marcy Trembath Pitkin**, in the midst of a move from Florida to their summer home in Pennsylvania, was also caught in the wet traffic and arrived just in time for the buffet dinner.

After dinner everyone went to their motels, and the Best Western rocked! **Sue Wilson Sproul**'s husband had sent a platter of caviar and crackers in honor of their fourth anniversary, and Bill Willing and Walter Scott played houseboys — serving caviar and Hubs peanuts and filling our wine glasses. First time reunioneer, environmental lawyer, and politician **Kay Slaughter** had arrived from Charlottesville and found us in our poolside rooms. We were a bit noisy but so happy to all be together.

Saturday morning everyone was off to campus to partake of the tours and informative lectures, which we heard were great. Lloyd, Lynne, Pepper and I, however, cut classes and went antique shopping in charming downtown Fredericksburg. We made it back to campus just in time for the class picture and picnic lunch in Palmieri Plaza in front of Monroe. Up for the day was Richmond realtor **Nancy Edmunds Morris**, but was there for only a short time as she had to return home to baby-sit her grandchildren. Joining us under a shady tree for lunch and chit-chat were **June Walton Lederle**, who had arrived from Wrightsville Beach, S.C., and retired teachers **Joan Gibson Lippold** from Maryland and **Nancy Wright Wright** from Springfield, Va., who had ventured down for the day.

After lunch Polly insisted we all go to Monroe to record oral history for Dr. Crawley's book on MWC, which turned out to be a serendipitous treat with the revelation of some very interesting stories from our MWC years. From there, **Lynn McCarthy** took us down to the plaque site honoring Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Simpson which Lynn, Sylvia, Polly and Judy had dedicated the year before. It is in a lovely spot on a hill between DuPont and Willard overlooking a stream and the Woodard Center (former site of the laundry). It was then on to our class meeting in Randolph — more sharing of pictures and reminiscing and, I think, somewhere in all the chatter, Lloyd, Lynne and I were elected to continue as the class representatives. Suddenly we had the joyful arrival of Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis**, fresh off a plane from the Galapagos Islands, who managed to circle the room kissing everyone. Debbie and Brownie had catnapped and came in late to the meeting, which made Lloyd, Lynne, Pepper and me feel a little better about cutting morning classes.

The evening events were highlighted by a cocktail party at the gallery and a moving speech at the banquet from **Ruby Lee Norris** '36, a friend of Sylvia's from Richmond, that made us all pray to be that clever and articulate at age 86. We were joined at dinner by **Cherry Sarff Everett**, who serves on the alumni board at MWC, and her husband. After the banquet we followed a trail of luminaries to the "Last Hurrah" in the Plaza and found the Class of '61 following Polly's lead and dancing with chairs. Quiet intimate conversations were held back at the motels, and then — rest.

Sunday found most of us up early and enjoying breakfast in the 50's-style diner at Seacobeck — and then long goodbyes, lots of photo-taking, and everyone was off in different directions filled with warm thoughts and fuzzy feelings, the first-time reunioneers wondering why they had not done this before and everyone vowing to get together sooner than the five-year reunion span.

We found we are quite the computer-savvy class. Our e-mail list has grown to 75 addresses and MWC hopes to have a class Web page in force for us by the end of this year. I did hear from many on our e-mail list who were unable to attend. Human resources specialist **Beverly Stone Bowers** and volunteer organizer and golfer **Pat Pollock McFarland** both wrote from California that they enjoyed getting the e-mail and wished everyone a good reunion. **Carolyn Spell Robertson** had a speaking engagement for the Greensboro, N.C., Christian Women's Club, and **Jean Ryan Farrell** was off on a mission trip to Honduras — both unable to attend. Jean had visited the campus recently with her grandchildren and was re-astounded with the history that envelops Fredericksburg.

Sadly, **Patsy Whitehead Towle**, who was planning to attend, lost her sister to cancer a few days before the reunion. Patsy's husband is also undergoing a rough time with dialysis. Our prayers are with her. **Barbie Upson Gravely** also had to cancel plans to attend due to her husband's ongoing battle with Parkinson's. **Carolyn Barnett Wright** was still in session as a professor at Miami Dade Community College and helping her husband, who is recovering from brain surgery.

Judy LaRoe Hare and **Marilyn "Mouse" Messier Whitmore** both tried to get the gang from Madison to attend but were unsuccessful because of everyone's busy schedules, and in the end they had other commitments themselves. Mouse, a retired teacher, was off on a cruise to the Mediterranean, and Judy, businesswoman and tennis player, was in the throes of planning her daughter's wedding on a mountaintop in Vail, Colo. San Antonio artist **Aggie Welsh Eyster** plans to be in California late this summer, and I am looking forward to a visit from her.

Start planning for 2006 and our 45th. It was such a wonderful, amazing weekend, and we want everyone to be able to share next time. Carolyn Pannu said she asked them to save the whole Best Western poolside for us.

And now a little personal plug — if you live in the Chicago, D.C., Boston, L.A., San Francisco or Denver areas, watch for the national tour of "The Full Monty" — my son, Don, and daughter-in-law, Carol Johnson, are in it.

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Beverley Sulpice Persell's 35-year-old son, Bobby, underwent treatment for a cancerous tumor in his neck. The chemo was finished in February 2001 and the prognosis is good, although the chemo has taken its toll. After spending the month of July in Paris attending a course for French teachers at the Sorbonne, Beverley said, "Three cheers for air conditioning! There wasn't any in France, and it was hot." She added that the classes were intense with a lot of advanced grammar, but she learned a lot. Since the classes were only three hours long, she had plenty of time each day to see the sights and go on field trips.

Nellie Peyronnet Drew, who has been battling colon cancer, wrote that "for the first time in a year and a half, I showed real improvement! One of the lesions on my liver had disappeared and several had shrunk. This is really a miracle, and my doctor says he's never seen anything like it and doesn't understand it. I told him we don't need to understand — just take it as it comes. I'm convinced that all of the prayers that are going out for me have a lot to do with it." Nell has two grandsons who truly light up her life. "They're three hours away, but we get to see them fairly often."

Joyce Anne Hartley Mitcheltree is very active in her church and has taken it upon herself to contact as many other churches and prayer groups as humanly possible to pray for Nellie. Joyce wrote, "I believe in the power of prayer, and I am happy to do something for Nellie, who was kind and friendly to all at MWC. I admire Nellie's positive attitude, which is so important in overcoming this disease." Joyce gleefully noted the growing numbers of groups, that had joined this circle for Nell, which included some 60 churches located all over the United States. As for Joyce herself, she is retired but continues as a volunteer tutor on a regular basis. She goes to an aerobics class; makes tons of special decorative items for friends, family and church; creates a newsletter that she regularly sends to family and friends; is very active in the Louisa County Education Association; etc. In short, Joyce continues to be the human dynamo that we remember from our MWC days.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice and her husband flew to Florida to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her dad in Sarasota and her brother and his family, who were coming from Princeton. Their daughter recently visited and brought her son. Papa Fritz stayed home and babysat and "had a ball," Marcia fondly wrote.

Alan Hallden, **Sue Lukehart Hallden**'s husband, emailed **Nancy O'Neal Robinson**, and she kindly forwarded Alan's news to me. He wrote: "Sue has been having a rough time since last July. She had a brain tumor, which was successfully treated, only to get pneumonia while on steroids to prevent inflammation and swelling. She now has a feeding tube in her stomach. She finally felt strong enough to travel in October, so we made trips to Florida to see my parents in October and November. We missed an opportunity to have dinner with **Suzy Booth Thurber**, who was passing through town (Sue was still in the hospital then) but did see **Judy Wolfe Allen** and her husband, Jack, who stopped by for a visit." Alan went on to say that their children would be with them for Christmas. Later word from Nancy brought the sad news that Sue died about a week before Christmas. She had so many complications and the cancer had spread to her bones, which caused great pain. Their two daughters were with Sue and Alan and remained with their dad for Christmas. If you would like to drop Alan a note and don't have the current address, contact me and I would be happy to give you the mailing address.

Louise Dunn Fuqua wrote, "My son's wedding was great. Everyone was so happy. Tim and Lindsay now live in Eureka, Calif. I love being a mother-in-law. My younger son, Dan, is an artist, primarily airbrush and tie-dye, and lives in Asheville, N.C. He's in love, but no plans yet." Louise was busy with rehearsals for Christmas Chorale concerts and was to start tap-dance class again in January. She and hubby Tom recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

Louise kindly sent news which she gleaned from Christmas notes: **Maria Eckstein Callaham** had included a wedding announcement with a picture of her son, David, and his bride, who were married in August 2000 in Maryland. Maria was pleased that the newlyweds would be moving a "little closer, by an hour" to Norfolk (where Maria and her husband live) from Buffton, S.C., to Charleston, S.C. Maria and her husband visited Italy in October with other family members.

Sheila Cooper Hanna's husband, Fergus, has been very busy getting out the weekly paper he publishes, which means that he works seven days a week. Sheila's office had moved, and she was knee deep in the chaos of that. The Hannas

were taking a break at Christmas to spend a week in Ireland to witness the christening of their grandniece, Rhiason. As for Louise, she and six women friends went on a tour of historic New Orleans. Louise wrote: "It was like being in a dorm at Mary Washington acting silly and giggling — the wine also contributed. What great therapy!

Louise also wrote that **Sandra Cox Jones** has two grandsons, and she really enjoys them. **Mary Coleman Hankins Arnold**'s son, David, works in Christiansburg, Va., and her daughter, Frances, is in Georgia, where she will attend graduate school. Louise's mother was with her since undergoing surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome. Her mom is a very independent lady and hates being waited on, but it cannot be helped until her hand heals. Louise and Tommy hope to visit the West Coast and see son Tim and his wife in the spring.

Joan Akers Rothgeb says "We were in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for two weeks — this was right after my nephew's wedding in Maryland, so we were gone most of July." Eddie retired in June, then became a part-time assistant principal at another elementary school and loves it. In August, **Sue Grandy** invited **Donna Floyd**, **Betsy Carper**, **Gayle Taylor**, **Mary Lott** and Joan to join her at a house she rents at Virginia Beach. "What a wonderful weekend!" Donna had heard from **Carolyn White**, and Joan planned to write to Carolyn to reconnect. Joan's son, Lee, is working for an insurance company in Richmond and lives not too far away from his sister, **Shanna** '92, and her husband. This gives Eddie and Joan loads of excuses to drive to Richmond. **Jeannie Craig Gough** moved to Vienna, Austria, for three years; **Val Hartsell** still lives in Guam; and **Mary Lott Haglund** is a first-time grandmother.

Jane Walshe McCracken sent a Christmas newsletter with a darling picture of four of their grandchildren. Jay and Jane bought a condo in Tustin, Calif., in May 2000, which was only a mile from the apartment they rented previously in Tustin for two years. Daughter Sarah and her family are only 10 minutes away from Jay and Jane. The McCrackens came east in November to visit family in New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Edith Gilbert Smith's note was full of her activities. Edie continues her work toward better health care benefits for all retired military and this year has concentrated on thwarting attempts to move sick children of military families to state Medicaid programs as a cost-saving measure for the TRICARE program. Edie is presently a member of a Department of Defense work task force to provide input for implementation of TRICARE for Life (continued health care for military retirees and spouses past age 65) and continues to serve on the beneficiary advisory board for Sierra Military Health, which administers the TRICARE program for Region I. As the spouse of a retired military person, I am grateful to Edie for working so hard for all of us who are part of this system. Edie's children, Karen and Steve, surprised their mother with a 60th birthday party at a restaurant in Springfield, Va., in June. Steve is following in his dad's footsteps in that he devotes most of his spare time to coaching for the Springfield Youth Center, which you may recall from a previous issue of *MWC Today*, was dedicated in Vince's honor not too long before he passed away. Karen and her husband celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary, and Edie was there as the couple renewed their wedding vows in November. Edie's two young grandchildren, Kyle and Kymberly, were part of this significant day as well. The Gilbert clan again spent two weeks at the Smith Mountain Lake cabin in July 2000. Edie's mother grows more frail, but she continues to live in her retirement apartment in Salem, Va., and spent Christmas in Springfield with Edie.

Mary Wolff Maddrey Isenhour continues to do a superb job as president of the Friends Western Carteret Public Library. Under her leadership, the Friends have more than met their goal of raising sufficient funds to furnish the new library. Hope is that ground for the new library will be broken in 2001. Wolfie and I hosted a Christmas party for some of the Friends. The featured item on the menu was chili, and we offered two versions with all the fixings. Thanks to my hunter husband, we could have venison chili as one version of our "blue plate special." Wolfie has suffered a few physical setbacks with Crohn's Disease, but she doesn't let this get her down for long. She has been asked to help establish a support group for sufferers of Crohn's in this area, and I can think of no person better suited to help others learn to cope with this malady than she. Wolfie and Bob are drawing up plans for a mountain cabin on property they own in Virginia, not too far from Mabrey's Mill.

Wolfie received a Christmas note from **Lois Hartman**, which she shared. Lois wrote: "I'm working part time now as a consultant in the Agency for Development — working has really screwed up my life — not enough time!" Lois is still antiquing and was looking forward to her sister coming east for a visit.

Kathy Flattery Smith and her husband have both retired and are planning to build a house in St. James Plantation, which is near Long Island, N.C. Since their house in Northern Virginia sold much more quickly than they'd expected, they are renting a place in Southport until the new house is completed. Kathy retired from the federal headquarters of the U.S. Marshal's Office, where she worked for 18 years as budget director. Both Smiths reported that retired life is all that they hoped it would be! Kathy and Bob have three daughters. The eldest, **Karen Smith Lombard** '91, is president of *Cowboy Outfitters Web Site*, (cowboyoutfitters.com) which she and her husband own and run in Magnolia, Texas, near Houston. With the new administration, this may be a very handy place to shop on the Internet. Karen has a 2-year-old and another on the way. Kathy and Bill's second daughter teaches second grade in Rock Hill, S.C., and the youngest daughter teaches third grade in Manassas Park, Va.

Sue Katz Lieberman wrote: "We've traveled a bit — September, Copenhagen, Denmark; October, New England; November, Boston and Philly for Van Gough art shows; December, (Ed's retirement gift from his group) three days in New York, two shows and the usual Christmas rush. All is well in Deal, N.J. Son Jim and Beth live in Michigan; daughter Meg is in Boston teaching in the same inner-city den of corruption and dating a Brazilian psychiatrist (Can't she ever find a nice Jewish boy?)."

Carol Livingston Massik's news is, "Our landmarks this year were that husband Joe decided to let someone else manage his apartment buildings. What a relief to us both — it was like having 30 children sometimes. And I quit smoking on my first official try after 43 years. What was I thinking? I'm trying to find an agent for a booklength collection of my columns about Beacon Hill, but not trying as hard as I could. We seem to keep packing up and going somewhere. No complaints."

Nancy O'Neal Robinson sent news that was such a good synopsis, that I thought you'd enjoy parts of it as well: "Robbie and I have enjoyed retirement very much. I did not teach at all this year but stayed very active with my vestry jobs at church and the volunteer things through the assistance league. Robbie is volunteering in the Diablo Valley Agency for the Aging (financial counseling assistance) and has become quite attached to some of his clients. Our son continues to do well at Home Depot and is continuing school at a slow but steady rate." Daughter Megan was married in February. She and John had talked about a late summer/early fall wedding, but John's mother had cancer which had recently spread. Since they all wanted her to be a part of the wedding festivities, things were moved up. "We lucked into and booked a small, old, turn-of-the-century hotel on the Delta and things fell into place. Megan had just finished negotiating a mortgage and was house-hunting when this developed — she was feeling a little strung out." The wedding went beautifully and John's mother was well enough to dance with her son at the wedding. She died peacefully several weeks later, so everyone was glad that she could be there for such an important event in her son's life.

Diana Copple Smith's daughter, Amy, was married in June at the Orton Plantation chapel with all the lovely gardens in full bloom. Jerry and I visited the plantation last summer, and the little chapel was a perfect setting for a summer wedding. Diana remains as busy as ever with her teaching and other jobs.

Katherine "Kitty" Gray Hermann wrote: "The job (travel agent) is very busy — just glad that it is seasonal." Kitty and Bob went to Scotland at the end of March for two weeks. "I'm finally graduating from the U. of Edinburgh/ Scottish Tourist Board master counselor on Scotland program, with big whoop-de-dos in Glasgow — diplomas presented by the head of Scottish Tourist Board, then banquet, etc. Bob got to go to all that, too. I worked on the course on and off for about three years before finally completing it — cursing every step of the way — and realize how much I learned." They took a few days in Scotland and then went down to the Lake District of England, back to London and home via Virgin Atlantic.

Donna Stevens Boyd emailed that she is "wallowing in the joy of being a granny to Noah Patrick Jenkins," son of daughter **Denise Boyd Jenkins** '91, "hoping to cultivate him as yet another generation of alumni." Donna started a genealogical society in Culpeper which keeps her busy, but she loves it. Her son, Ashby, was graduated in August from George Mason and will marry "a sweet girl from Manassas" in December. Husband **Harold** '84 is recuperating nicely from his knee replacements. She would love for any of our classmates who have e-mail to send her their e-mail addresses at momdsb@summit.net.

Sadly, our condolences go to **Sue Grandy Farrar** for the death of her father.

As for me, our middle child, daughter Carrie, presented us with Emily and Ashley Woodring in September 2000. The babies were not due until early November, so we had a few anxious weeks until they were big enough to finally come home. Jerry and I spent most of September and part of October in Richmond, Va., helping with Joey and Dilyn, since Carrie had to be hospitalized several times before the twins arrived. Thankfully, everyone is now thriving, and the girls were christened in early January. Mommoo (me) made yet another christening gown — this time out of the silk satin from my own mother's wedding dress — for the occasion. I had previously made a christening gown for our first grandchild out of remnants of the wedding dress worn by our own daughters when they were married, never dreaming that I'd need to create another such garment! We spent Christmas 2000 in St. Louis, Mo., with our older daughter, Dina, husband David and their daughter, Kendall, and managed to make it safely back home to Emerald Isle ahead of all the terrible winter weather that pummeled that

part of the country during the holiday season. In March we traveled to the Czech Republic for a week and had a grand time visiting the country where my husband's people emigrated from a century ago. Prague is a truly beautiful city, and we enjoyed exploring it and the surrounding countryside. Jerry even thinks he found a distant relative in that he made connection with another Huml while we were there.

Please note the new e-mail address above. Would love to hear from all of you.

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Classmates, send news!

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Our 35th reunion was a great success, partly because we finally voted to make Dr. Van Sant a member of our class. He graciously accepted, saying he had already become an alumnus as a member of a recent graduating class, but he was sure he could belong to two classes, especially since ours was so special to him. Welcome to the Class of '66, Dr. Van Sant!

Candy Schumacher Jepsen has returned to Houston, Texas, after living in Corpus Christi. She was unable to attend the reunion because she was being installed as the regional director of the Embroiders' Guild the same weekend. She sends good wishes to all and an invitation to visit her if you're ever in her area.

Bobbi Bishop Mann admirably conducted our class meeting despite suffering a mild heart attack last October. She took leave from teaching only long enough to recover and now has a new appreciation for life. Her inspiring remarks led three other classmates to mention that they are cancer survivors. Our classmates have discovered an even stronger bond than just being MWC alumni, we have discovered that we can still openly share our personal experiences among true friends; our education is still growing.

Jana Privette Usry accompanied Bobbi from Richmond and set up a gathering place in the Hampton Inn, where many of us were staying. We gathered and shared photos, memorabilia, and camaraderie for hours. Jana, who was Miss Richmond our senior year, is actively involved in the Miss Richmond Pageant as its executive director. She also served for two years on the MWC alumni board and is involved with the Central Virginia mediation network. Jana implores us to become intimately involved with MWC today, as it is even more exciting than when we were there.

A newcomer to the reunion scene was **Sally Albrecht Brennan**, who was very pleased to see familiar faces and discover new friends from old neighborhoods. Sally lives in Springfield, Va., works for the U.S. Department of State as a graphic designer for computer publications and is looking forward to retiring to Portsmouth, Va., in July 2004. She has two sons; one is a captain in the Army Special Forces and the other is a talented artist and goldsmith. She also has a daughter, who is the women's soccer coach at the U. of Wyoming. Sally is the proud grandmother of three boys.

Another reunion newcomer was **Eva "Evie" Teng Marcus** from Columbia, Md. Evie has been married for 33 years and has three grown daughters, who no longer live at home but spend a great deal of time there. Evie continues to work for the Department of the Environment in Baltimore and enjoys grandmotherhood in her spare time.

Another surprise visitor was **Sue Worley Sprouse** from Madison Heights, Va. Sue, amazed and pleasantly surprised at all the marvelous changes in the campus, had a wonderful time reminiscing as a small group of us walked around the grounds.

Kathleen Goddard Moss arrived from Spain armed with pictures of her new granddaughter, born on Easter Sunday. It was difficult for her to return to her northern Virginia home after six weeks in Spain, but she and her husband are retiring this year to allow more time for travel. Their five grown children and three grandchildren are scattered in California, Ohio and Spain.

One of our West Coast residents, **Betsy Chappelear Tryon** from Redondo Beach, Calif., attended the reunion for the first time since leaving Northern Virginia in 1976. She, too, was amazed at the updated campus. (Check the MWC Website to see for yourself.) Betsy is still teaching year-round second grade in a suburb of Los Angeles. Her times off continue to be very convenient since her first granddaughter was born in April and Betsy had a few weeks' vacation to enjoy being at home with her. After the reunion, Betsy traveled to Annapolis with **Susana Roth Nurin** and was later joined by **Yvonne Hutchinson March**, who hurried there from her daughter's college graduation in Georgia. The four of us browsed around old town Annapolis while catching Yvonne up on the reunion happenings and reminiscences. Sadly, we parted so Betsy could return to teaching in California, Susana could return to her final exams at her Annapolis high school Spanish classes, and Yvonne could return to her FBI translator's job in Florida.

Carol Pettigrew Hallman traveled from Great Falls, Va., for her first visit in 35 years and exclaimed that she was "thrilled to revisit MWC!" Aside from a divorce, Carol has been having a great time all these years. Welcome back, Carol.

Nina Russell Randolph has returned east after spending 23 years in Seattle, Wash. Nina was very favorably impressed with the changes she discovered and the warmth of our classmates and plans to visit more often now that she is living in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

Charlotte Major Minor admitted that this was her first reunion, although she has been active in alumni affairs. She served for four years as a member of the College foundation board and is one of the co-chairs of the campaign for the Alumni Executive Center. Charlotte is actively involved with volunteer work in Richmond, primarily at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and with the SPCA. Charlotte has two step-grandchildren, who also live in Richmond.

Alice "Sann" Moore Forry provided us with the most amusing memory during our class meeting. She described the night that she was chosen to drive Maria Von Trapp, after her concert series talk on campus, when she ran out of gas on Rt. 1. The midnight curfew hour soon passed and Sann was terrified at having to explain her predicament to her dorm mother. Maria, empathizing, hopped out of the car, still dressed in full Austrian costume, and suggested she hitchhike the rest of the way to her destination! Alice realized then that she would simply have to wait for help and suffer the consequences, which turned out to be minimal. Alice and husband Fritz have two daughters and have been living in Portsmouth, R.I., for 27 years. She recently retired as director of engineering for a defense contractor and now works part time as a consultant. However, mostly she enjoys playing golf and RVing with Fritz.

Pat Lewars Pace reduced us all to laughter with her memory of serving as "whistle blower" junior year. Remember how we were not allowed to walk on the grass? Pat was totally humiliated by having to stand by one of the well-worn shortcuts and blow her assigned whistle if anyone dared to cut campus! Pat and husband Jay are the owners of the community newspaper, *The Herald-Progress*, in Hanover County, Va. Their two grown children, Chris and Kelly, were recently married, so no grandchildren yet. Pat and Jay are planning to retire soon to the Outer Banks, N.C.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo is still married to her high-school sweetheart, John, an orthopedic surgeon in Falls Church, Va. Their two sons are married — the eldest has one small son — and daughter Elizabeth is a graduate of Virginia Tech.

Joan Cuccias Patton still teaches math at Lee High School in Springfield, Va., and works in real estate. All five of her children are doing well; four live nearby and one is a social worker on the Outer Banks. Grandson Ryan Patton Almquist is the new joy of Joan's life.

We were really pleased to see **Gerry Sargent Habas**, who confessed she had spent weekends commuting from Old Tappan, N.J., to Winter Park, Fla., for several years. Now, however, she and husband Leonard have permanently moved there and claim it is definitely the place to be, as it suits the family and the business extremely well.

Pam Kearney Patrick traveled to our reunion just for the day, on Saturday, accompanied by **Carol Bingley Wiley** of Pocanet, Mass., and **Sandy Pearson D'Acunto**, of Springfield, Va. Since Pam's missing address had placed her on our lost list, we were especially glad to see her again. She reported that she and husband TaB had recently moved from Old Town Alexandria to a home very close to the Mt. Vernon estate and gardens. Now that TaB has retired from the Air Force, he and Pam are enjoying civilian life while he concentrates on a new career as a strategic planner for the National Credit Union Association. Meanwhile, Pam and TaB are editing the videos they took at our 25th reunion in hopes of sharing them with us at our 40th.

Lois Rucker Scott and husband Sam from Arlington, Va., are approaching their 33rd anniversary. Now that both their daughters are on their own, Lois enjoys accompanying Sam to interesting cities around the United States twice a year while he attends medical conferences. Lois has recently purchased a home computer and is eager to become literate enough to correspond by e-mail. Meanwhile, she dabbles in golf and relaxes with counted cross-stitch and crocheting while listening to books on tape. Lois' fond memory was one that several others also mentioned: chasing bats around in the freshman dorms.

The champion bat chaser was **Grace Marie**

Bamforth Garriott, who confessed to being pressed into service, totally terrified while capturing a bat in the wastebasket and then throwing the entire ensemble out the window. That was quite an accomplishment for a young lady of the '60s, who was accustomed to linen tablecloths, sit-down dinners and a list of approved suitors on file in the dorm! Grace now lives in Virginia Beach, Va., where she continues to teach. She and husband Dick have a son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Pat Johnson Orgain remarked that none of us looked old enough to be celebrating our 35th reunion. She stated that we had gotten 90 percent of our intellect from shared experiences and were blessed then and now to be able to be together in such a fond and meaningful way. Pat loves retirement — playing golf, gardening, reading and spending time with her husband.

Dale Quel Woods joined us from Woodbridge, Va., where she has lived since 1993. She returned to teaching five years ago and hopes to continue for several more years. She and Clyde, a security specialist for the State Department, have been married 32 years and have two grown daughters. Sara has a master's in social work and works in Oakland, Calif. Lisa, also a graduate of American U., is continuing her education at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Linda Glynn Hutchinson traveled from Allison Park, Pa., where she teaches pre-schoolers. Linda has MWC blood in her veins, which she has passed on to her daughter, **Shannon Hutchinson Crockett** '00. Linda's son, David, is also considering attending MWC. Daughter Morgan, a landscape architecture student, chose to attend Clemson. Husband David still works with U.S. Steel. Linda brought news of **Anne Henlein**, who continues to serve on the San Francisco, Calif., school board.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner first corroborated Sann's tale of Maria Von Trapp, then continued to reminisce about Dr. Quenzel's history class. Mary Kathryn is finding that golf, needlework, gardening, and family life in Alexandria, Va., are conflicting with her work at Shaw Systems, so she may have to retire before long.

The indomitable **Ryan Stewart Davis**, from Shelton, Wash., reminded us of how her roommates had repeatedly warned her about "that awful Roger Davis" on that fateful Army-Navy weekend shortly after graduation. It turns out that she and Roger have now been married 34 years and work together with an insurance business. They are proud of their son and daughter, both of whom work in nearby Seattle. Ryan and Roger enjoy boating and biking, and they look forward to retiring and having grandchildren some day.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley and her husband went to Maui, where Ryan and Roger joined them for a great vacation. Since then, Ginny has sold her publishing company, Pink Inc., after 12 years and is planning now to write her own great American novel. She recently attended a writers' conference in Atlanta Beach, Fla., her hometown, and found **Nancy Slonim Aronie** '63 was one of the presenters! Ginny warns us that her novel will include first-hand experiences, many of which occurred at MWC, and we should all be looking for ourselves.

Judy Blum Wasserman flew from St. Louis, Mo., where she has been teaching first and second grades for the past 11 years. She describes it as a very interesting and challenging experience, and it has certainly kept her looking young. Judy is the happy grandma of three grandchildren and spends a lot of time outdoors, especially walking.

Marilyn Wood Hunter joined us from Richmond, Va., where she is a project manager with Perot Systems at Owens Minor. She has worked with I/T systems for the past 20 years. Marilyn has three children and four grandchildren.

Lee Enos Kelley confessed she hadn't really been the surrogate mother of 15 children, as she claimed at the last reunion, and that she is enjoying life and good health in Washington, D.C., with her husband and her 16-year-old son. She loves our reunions for the opportunities they provide to be with women her own age, to discuss our college years and the marvelous experiences we had.

Eileen Perna Thomason reminded us all of the trials and tribulations of passing the swimming requirement for graduation. It seems Miss Arnold had appointed Eileen as lap counter for the final test, and then Eileen had to swim solo while Miss Arnold counted. We could all empathize with that! Eileen's older son, Phil, is the celebrated chef at Wolfgang Puck Café in Seattle; Ben is also in Seattle with Fidelity. Husband Phil continues to practice pediatrics in Portsmouth, Va., and Eileen keeps busy with tennis and volunteer work. She is the chairman of the Virginia Opera Guild this season, works with the Medical Society of Virginia Alliance, sells Carlisle Clothes and is a member of the Golden Purses Investment Club.

Carolyn Perry Grow and husband David enjoy retirement in Keswick, Va. Carolyn earned her M.B.A. at the U. of Rochester and has retired from a career with the Xerox Corp. to concentrate on computers, bridge, the beach, golf, history and cats.

Susan Williams Rura drove from Ellicott City, Md. She and husband Frank, an electronics engineer, celebrated 25 years of marriage last January. Their daughter is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the U. of Maryland, Baltimore, with a degree in anthropology. In her retirement, Susan has taken on the challenge of a garden with 22 newly planted rose bushes.

Speaking of roses, "everything is coming up roses" for **Kathy Fowler Bahnson**, who radiantly described her new life in Charlotte, N.C. She remarried in 1998, after 25 years of being single, and shared her wedding album with us. Kathy also is meeting the challenge of gardening, painting and upgrading the home they recently purchased. She continues to work in human resources at Duke Energy Corp., but has plans to retire before our next reunion. Kathy stated that these meetings have meant more each time she returns.

Mary Ann Pyne White has moved to Warrenton, Va., after many years in Manassas. Her two children, Courtney and Chris, are grown. Mary Ann teaches students with learning disabilities at Osbourn Park High School in Manassas with no immediate plans to retire. She is still savoring the fairyland atmosphere of the MWC campus in the spring, for it is still incredibly beautiful.

Anne Meade Claggett breezed in from a two-week anniversary trip to Bar Harbor, Maine, where she and husband John were married in 1992. They both enjoy their retirement in the woods of Marshall, Va. **Judy Wells Clark** traveled to our reunion from Roanoke, Va., where she is the western Virginia director of Young Audiences of Virginia. She still serves as an accompanist and also as a church organist.

Marty Spigel Sedoff flew in from Edina, Minn., and became reacquainted with the modern Rt. I-95. Fredericksburg is farther from Washington, D.C., than it used to be! Marty left computer consulting to join U.S. Bancorp as a project manager in wealth management. Last July she became a certified scuba diver and is also working on her golf game in preparation for retirement. She claims it's her 16-year-old son that's keeping her so young.

Susanne Landerghini Boehm from Vienna, Va., really enjoyed the alumni weekend on campus and was glad to see so many of our classmates there. She brought news of **Tyla Matteson**, who was unable to attend because of her marriage just a few days before the reunion. Susanne continues to run a home-based business, Symphony To Go, booking musicians and singers for events in the D.C. metropolitan area. Husband Ralph is closing a career of teaching orchestra in Manassas and is planning his retirement soon. Son Maurice, a George Mason U. graduate, is applying his management information systems degree near Tysons Corner. Son Karl is a senior at Longwood College majoring in business administration and physics. He is developing several patents and has founded a club on campus for future entrepreneurs and inventors. Susanne is presently involved in clearing out her parents' home in Vienna to prepare it for rent.

Marjorie "Midge" Meredith Poyck echoed Jana's enthusiasm for MWC and the exciting new programs there, as she earned her MALS from MWC in 1996 and is retired from MWC as an administrator. She now lives in Lexington, S.C., where she enjoys golf, yard work, writing, drawing and jigsaw puzzles but most of all the visits with nearby family and grandchildren.

Our newest member, Dr. George M. Van Sant, twice widowed, happily remarried five years ago and is the picture of health. He related the tale of the wedding having to be postponed because of the blizzard of '96 so that it took place on Sunday with the full congregation of St. George's Episcopal Church in attendance. The honeymoon trip to Charlottesville found him and his bride to be two of only four guests at the Boar's Head Inn! Dr. Van Sant has retired voluntarily from the Fredericksburg City Council but remains active on the library board, the museum board, the United Way campaign and the war memorial effort. He also enjoys traveling and writing.

Several ladies wrote in response to the reunion invitation. **Barbara Barriga Rowe** of Unionville, Penn., is the enthusiastic head of the Fairville Friends School (preschool) and the proud parent of two daughters and one son. **Linda Bausserman** is a biochemist at The Miriam Hospital in Providence, R.I. Husband Stanley is a professor of history at Rhode Island College. They have one daughter, Ann Marie.

Julia Bondurant Freeman of Summerville, S.C., and husband Bill have two sons, Will and Andrew. Bill is employed at the South Carolina Research Authority. **Catherine Cargle Catchpole** of Wellesley, Mass., is vice president of administration and finance for the Catchpole Corp. Husband Terry is president. They have two sons, Jake and Dan, and love the Boston area — we are all invited to visit them. Cathy and Terry authored "The Family Video Guide," a list of movies to share with your children, which can be found on Amazon.com.

Betty Chewning Nicewarner of Springfield, Va., is a counselor at Forestdale Elementary School, though husband Raymond is retired. They have two daughters and one grandson, whom Betty is deliberately and deliciously spoiling. Betty's activities include gardening, needlework, civic associations and community coalitions, especially support for non-English speaking families and youth.

Kathleen Crawford Hoffman, of Reva, Va., is the deputy executive director for the Association of Social Work B.D.S. Husband Jack is retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation. They have one daughter, Jennifer. Kathleen's hobbies and interests include horses, books, historic preservation and environmental protection.

Nancy Dean Wolff of Marysville, Wash., is self-employed in sales after retiring from "normal

9-5 jobs" in 1970. Husband Noel is a forester, and they have one daughter, Michelle Lynn Wolff Thurston. Nancy is active in her church, the Christian Women's Club and the chamber of commerce.

Nancy Derrick Denslow is a biochemist at the U. of Florida. Husband David is an economist there. They have two daughters, Sandy and Sheri. Nancy's interests at work are environmental contaminants and research; at home she enjoys reading, gardening, hiking, biking, and visiting with friends and her daughters.

Carolyn A. Eldred of Duck, N.C., is a self-employed consulting research psychologist. She received her M.R.P. at Cornell U., her M.A. in 1968 and her Ph.D. from George Washington U. in 1971. **Margaret Haning Mecredy** lives in Rochester, N.Y., where husband Robert is the vice president of nuclear production with Rochester Gas and Electric. They have two sons, Daniel and John. Margaret keeps busy with volunteering, gardening, golf, tennis and hiking.

Janet Hayes Patterson is located in Belmont, Mass. She is head of the kindergarten at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge. Her professor husband, Lloyd, is deceased. Janet has two sons, David and James, and enjoys traveling and writing.

Elizabeth Ann Martin Allen of Normal, Ill., is a housewife and part-time cashier with Jewel Osco. Husband James is an engineer, and they have three children, Rebecca, Rachel and Petra. Ann enjoys reading, quilting, sewing, making scrapbooks and genealogy. She says that her friends, **Kathy Goddard Moss, Eileen Goddard Albrigo, Ann Kales Lindblom, Winnie Woodson Stribling** and **Eileen Perna Thomason** have left footprints on her heart.

Eleanor McJilton Thompson, of Richmond, Va., has retired after 32 years of teaching for Chesterfield County schools and loves it. Husband Jerry is manager for environmental quality control for Johns Manville. They have two sons, Brandt and Kyle. Eleanor is caring for her mother, now in a nursing home, and also reads, gardens, travels and enjoys being a grandmother.

Linda Mitchell Spiers of West Hartford, Conn., is an Episcopal clergy-curate for Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, having earned her M.Div. From Yale Divinity School in 2000 and being ordained into the priesthood in January 2001. She is thrilled and honored by her ministry, convinced that new beginnings are profound blessings. Linda also enjoys reading, swimming, running, listening to music and being with friends.

Mary Parsons Black is in Rota, Spain. Husband Ronald works for the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and has been serving as the commanding officer of the naval hospital in Rota. With his retirement approaching, Mary is considering resuming her teaching career along with her hobbies of reading, golf, tennis and travel. Mary and Ronald have three children, Rebecca, Adam and Aaron.

Anne Powell Young of Knoxville, Tenn., is a volunteer with the elderly. Husband Virgil is retired from the FBI. Anne enjoys researching for the mind-benders program she has developed to stimulate the thinking process with the elderly. Anne happily cares for her mother, who moved to Tennessee after her father's death in March 2000, participates in a book club, paints ceramic houses, and dotes on her miniature schnauzer, Casey. Married son, Matthew, and daughter Amanda both live in Northern Virginia.

Shirley Puckett Kuhn is a social research associate at UNC Chapel Hill. She has three sons, Jonathan, Jason and Jeremy, all in their 20s. Shirley also is active as a church organist and choirmaster.

Anne Vaden Hodges of Richmond, Va., is a retired resource teacher for the gifted. She works in the supplemental retirement program in the gifted program office in Henrico public schools. Husband Barry is retired. Anne has one stepson, Trent, his wife Shannon, and a granddaughter, Sydney.

As for me, I have volunteered to continue as class agent for as long as I'm able to do the job. I really enjoy hearing from everyone, especially my friends from the band, the lacrosse team, the Spanish house, Marye, and fellow math majors. Although I have officially retired from teaching high-school math after more than 30 years in the classroom, I still spend at least one day a week volunteering in the local elementary school as a math resource person and thrive on home schooling several grandchildren (babysitting just doesn't cover it!). Husband Hank is still working hard as a self-employed export-licensing consultant, but we find time to travel, ski, boat and sail, participate in myriad family activities, and host the clan at a rental house on the Outer Banks every summer. The trumpet is largely retired now, leaving knitting, sewing, crafting bridal gowns, corresponding and gardening as my main hobbies.

Thanks again to all of you for all your help in keeping this class closely bonded.

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I was pleased to receive e-mails from three classmates. **Sandy Moore Frost** wrote that she earned an M.S. in agronomy, weed science, from the U. of Wyoming in May 2001. Plants have always given her joy, so now she is looking for a career working with plants and people. Her son, Bevan, builds acoustic musical instruments, and Norman is attending community college.

Susan Burho Hensley spent about 20 years after graduation instructing undergraduates in public speaking and international graduate students in English as a second language at Radford U. and Virginia Tech. She retired early and is now an interpreter for Smithfield, a professional artist and exhibits chair, an enthusiastic tennis player, and an MWC representative to Blacksburg High School.

Sheila Spivey Hume is the team podiatrist for the U.S. Karate Team and recently accompanied them to Sydney, Australia. Martial Arts is expected to be included in the next summer Olympics, and Sheila is excited about the possibility of serving as the team doctor.

I am continually amazed at the wide variety of fascinating work and interests of my MWC classmates!

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It was great to hear of all the exciting events of so many classmates' lives! Please forgive me for having to edit, but there was too much for the column.

Jean Polk Hanky reported that the Class of 1969 Laura Sumner Scholarship was able to make an award of $2,350 based on the scholarship's three-year average value of $47,025 as of July 1, 2000. To date, nine people have contributed a total of $2,440 to the scholarship this fiscal year. She has high hopes of getting to the point where we can make two awards per year or increase the amount of the annual award. Many thanks go to Jean for her continued active involvement at MWC!

Jean noted that the campus was especially beautiful in April when she attended the dedication of the bust of James Farmer — a ceremony "in celebration of the life and work of a special man who did great things." Since Jean was unable to attend the Heritage Society luncheon sponsored by the MWC foundation board, which oversees the College's scholarship endowments, she invited **Liz Muirheid Sudduth** and **Marge Roszmann Tankersley** to attend in her place. Ironically, it turned out that both Liz and Marge had taken two of Laura Sumner's civilization classes and had many great anecdotes to share about her. Coincidentally, Liz taught Laura's granddaughter, Lauren, in third grade and ended up teaching her Greek and Roman civilization! Liz "felt the circle of education was complete" — thanks to Dr. Sumner, Liz was able to pass on the knowledge she had learned from her to Dr. Sumner's grandchild! Jean and **Beth Stewart Coleman** were planning to visit their roomie, **Sandy Mock Foley**, at her home in Carson City, Nev., this past summer.

Lin Ferrell, visual arts specialist in Chesterfield County public schools, continues to win awards for her dedication and hard work. She is busy coordinating a countywide fine arts festival, which is not news to those of us who know her, because ever since we graduated 30 years ago, Lin has been in charge of one major arts festival or another! The fine arts scene in and around Richmond owes her a major debt of gratitude. Besides her work with the arts, she's into weight lifting and will be going to Nags Head, N.C., with son Jacob and family this summer. Hopefully she and I and our 14-year-old sons will be going to Mexico next summer.

Franceen Huddleston King, husband Ray and son Robbie are doing well. She makes frequent trips to Virginia in her job at TMI. She also keeps up with our high-school friend and my freshman roomie, **Joan Gillis Carlsson**, who lives close to her. We are all hoping to link up at our high-school reunion this summer. Exciting and romantic news came from Joan, who has been "blessed with the reawakening of her long-lost love," Tom Baker, whom she had dated our freshman year at MWC before he went to Vietnam. Marriage plans are in the making! Best wishes to her mother, **Lura Korth Hutchens Gillis** '45, who is recovering from open heart surgery.

Anne Hoffman was flying to southern Spain to visit her parents and get involved in their "whirlwind of social activities." Ann has apparently gone through years of debilitating physical conditions but reported that she feels much stronger now. She especially enjoys living in New Hampshire, a small state with strong local government where "one can make a difference if one is willing to participate and work." Politics has become more personal and interesting as a result — especially for Ann, a political science/international relations major.

"Pidge" Williams Walden and her husband of 31 years, a marine from Quantico, have been living in Atlanta for over 20 years. She retired after 30 years of teaching, as did her husband from U.P.S. They are busy renovating a house, spending time with their two grandchildren and working with church activities. She is also a breast cancer survivor and facilitates a local breast cancer support group. She stays in touch with **Gloria**

Shelton Gibson, and they have been in New Mexico and the North Carolina mountains together. This past summer they were very excited about a trip to Rome, Paris and London!

Mary Rozanski Edwards is working as a manager in the systems department of Avon Products and reported that she is having a great time traveling around the country supporting various recognition events held by Avon. She's excited about this year's annual convention in New Orleans. Mary, a Spanish major, keeps up with two of her roomies, **Caroline Bettwy Jover**, who lives in Alicante, Spain, with her husband and three children, and **Edleen Garrett De Rodriguez** '70, who lives in Madrid with her husband and son. What a great way to keep up their Español. Mary tries hard to keep fluent with her business travels in Latin America and her involvement in a Spanish conversation group.

Elizabeth "Dale" Winn Dewenter, who was living in Fredericksburg and teaching at Wilderness Elementary School in Spotsylvania, has retired and — how romantic — was married on Christmas Day to Jack Dewenter, a former U.S. Navy captain and aviator, and they spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. She has two grown sons, one who works at *The Free Lance-Star* in Fredericksburg and another in Asheville, N.C., who works in landscaping.

Susan Seaygraham Ledbetter says she spends most of her time working in her home art studio just three miles from the Spotsylvania Courthouse, where her husband, Bill, is the local circuit court judge. Their favorite pastime is traveling, and their travels include Spain, England and Scotland — with Italy planned next. She glowingly advises everyone to "visit Spain if you get the chance. It's magical and so incredibly affordable."

Anne Witham Kilpatrick and **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns** both shared news about their own special mini-reunion, which they take turns hosting every other year with **Toni Turner Bruseth** and **Suzie Bender Winterble** — traveling to each other's homes and having a great time. They have visited the mountains of Georgia; the hill country of Texas in the spring, when all the flowers are blooming; Vermont in the fall; and the nation's capital in the spring. Jeanine works as front office manager for a large group of orthopaedic surgeons in Fairfax, Va. Her daughter, Erin, graduated this year from VCU, and son Sean is director of the Museum and Visitor's Center of the DEA in Washington, D.C. Anne and husband Roger are traveling to Williamsburg this year; they went to Scotland recently and were planning to hit Spain this fall. She continues to work part time for the local symphony orchestra and is trying "to keep up with the younger crowd" by reading the Harry Potter series, which she loved! Apparently, Susie and Chad just returned from Australia, and Toni goes to France and China three to four times a year. What world travelers everyone has become!

On a sad note, I heard from **Leslie Fanning Atkinson** that **Brenda Shonk Moore** of Flint Hill, Va., passed on in February 2000. She attended our last reunion. Our deepest condolences go to her family.

This has been a sad year for me, too, as I lost both my mother and my mother-in-law. I continue to teach French part time and participate in my two youngest children's numerous activities and enjoy it immensely. My husband, Jeff, keeps very busy traveling and working in his job as vice president and director of business development for Litton Electro-Optical Systems. We accompanied him last March on the trip-of-my-dreams to Egypt, where we visited the Valley of the Kings in Luxor, Cairo, and the Pyramids. It was as great as I thought it would be! I'm looking forward to spending two weeks in lovely Montpellier, France, with my daughter, Lauren, who works as hard on *Français* as her mother did many years ago. Special *bonjours* to all *mes amies*!

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It was hard to count classmates at our 30th reunion, because we couldn't stay still or quiet long enough! We had over 30, plus husbands and children, who were with us at least part of the time.

For the first time, retirement was a hot topic. **Mary Smith Carson** and her husband are spending their retirement working as self-employed consultants in the natural gas and market research fields. Their daughter, Cheryl (the little girl in Mary's senior yearbook picture), is an Emmy-winning executive senior producer at Fox 11 News in Los Angeles. They also have two sons and four grandchildren. **Karen Laino** will retire in October after 20 years in the U.S. Navy (preceded by 10 years in the U.S. Marine Corps) and has a civilian job lined up at the National Security Agency. **Rozzie Snellings Whitescarver** retired last year from teaching dance to little ones at the Fredericksburg Ballet Centre, but Miss Rozzie still has her day job teaching elementary school. **Bryn Winn Roth** is eligible to retire but is still teaching in Spotsylvania. Her husband, Dick, joined us at the reunion banquet. **Jeanne Mitchell Brobst** is retiring from teaching. She has been married for 23 years and has a 22-year-old daughter. **Mary T. "Fred" Bradley MacPherson** envies "all my classmates who talk of retirement as a near-term event." Fred works at the Morino Institute, a non-profit in Reston, Va., that is involved with entrepreneurship and venture philanthropy. **Doris Lee Hancock**, having raised four children and retired from working three part-time jobs, has started teaching full time in Henrico County and is trying to find time to finish her master's degree. **Jan Hempson Floom**, retired from teaching middle school and married to a retired marine, runs her own consulting business and is happy to be in Dumfries near her daughter and grandchildren. **"Libby" Andrews Wasem**, mother of three boys (one is an MWC alum married to an MWC alum) including one who's still in college, looks forward to retiring as a Spotsylvania schools social worker in five years and then returning to private practice as a psychotherapist. Doesn't anyone just retire and stop working anymore?

Carol Surber Lewis and her husband live on a mountaintop in southwest Virginia and run a publishing business via the Internet from their home. **Carol Kling Walker** is a hospital administrator in Asheville, N.C. She has been married 25 years and has two children in college. **Pam Hudson**, "still crazy after all these years" (her words, not mine), lives in Virginia Beach and is a family therapist. **Lisa Barker** is an attorney for Hanover County and lives in Louisa County. **Trish Little-Taylor**'s job title at Lucent Technologies sounds almost as impressive as the fact that she was on "Jeopardy" in 1996 — she came in second. Trish lives in Freehold, N.J. **Amy Long Fields** was at the reunion with her husband, Robert. They are both realtors in Lancaster, Penn.

Mary Jane "MJ" Chandler Miller, mother of three including teen-age twins, is a customer service representative in Lyndonville, Vt. **Ginny Forrest Karnas** is a nurse, working at a medical facility for the homeless in D.C., where Fred now works as a consultant on homeless issues. They have two daughters, one living in Arizona and one at Tulane. **Vicki Gunnell Currie** has almost recovered from her daughter's veterinary school graduation and wedding in May and June. Vicki and John live in Leesburg, where she is a cardiac clinician. **Kathy "Ernie" Marilla Kent** lives in Alexandria and is a docent at the Renwick Museum of Art in D.C. Ernie spends some weekends and most of the summer on Fenwick Island, Del., where she and Chris own a liquor store. They have two sons, one in college and one who has graduated. **Kay Thompson Cole** lives in Springfield with her husband and two teen-age daughters and is a substitute teacher in Fairfax County. **Betty Whichard Robinson** and Jim, recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They live in Lynchburg but may relocate soon. Betty has earned two additional bachelor's degrees and an MBA and is a self-employed computer consultant.

Mary Weaver Mann and Jim have children ranging in age from 26 to 11. In addition to working part time at the public library in Fredericksburg, Mary is active in promoting breast-feeding and homeopathic medicine. **Kathy Lindsay McMichael** came from New Jersey with a friend, **Pat Piermatti** '70, who was unable to attend her own 30th reunion last year. **Diana Rupert** is general manager of QVC in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Diana's former roommate, **Pam Rave Hall**, and her husband are enjoying their empty nest in Poquoson, as their second child has graduated from college. **Joy Ragland Martin** lives in Brookline, Mass., and has a son who has completed his freshman year at the Rochester Institute of Technology. **Susan Stumpf-Hebert** was with her husband. Susan is a systems engineer at Lotus Development Corp. in Cambridge, Mass. **Nancy Richardson Kenyon** and Willy live in Lewes, Del., and celebrated 30 years of marriage in July. They have three grown children, all "happy, adjusted, and off the payroll!" **Lynda White** was also with her husband. She works at Alderman Library at U.Va.

Some of us have maintained close connections to MWC in various ways. **Ranny Nichols Corbin**, who lives with her husband and 15-year-old daughter in Caroline County, is assistant to MWC's President Anderson. Her older daughters are 21 and 23. **Ann Chafin** has two daughters. One is 10 years old; the other, an incoming MWC freshman, attended the reunion with Ann and her husband. Ann lives outside Annapolis, works for the Charles County Board of Education, and has an online business. She recently got back in touch with Carol Surber Lewis by way of blues pianist Ann Rabson, daughter of retired psychology professor, Alice Rabson.

Helen Marrochi Iwanik, now a Fredericksburg resident, has a daughter who has finished her freshman year at MWC. Helen's son and daughter-in-law made her a grandmother in February. She also has another son and two stepchildren. **Janet Sisk Horne** teaches communications at Salisbury U. and often knows more than I do about what's happening at MWC. Her sweetie, Walt, accompanied her to the reunion but skipped the class party to play golf with my husband. I am a member of the Fredericksburg MWC alumni chapter married to an alumnus; at

the time of this writing, our older daughter is taking a summer school class at MWC. Our younger daughter would consider going to MWC if it were somewhere else! One classmate who was unable to attend the reunion but is quite involved with MWC is **Mona Davis Albertine**, who is a member of the College's Board of Visitors.

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As your class agents, we welcome news from near and far, news that you send every three months or every 20 years — it doesn't matter, as long as you send us something! Don't deprive your fellow classmates of your whereabouts, your goings on, and other tidbits, ordinary and otherwise! We want to hear it all! So get out those pens and papers or fire up those computers and drop us a line for the next issue.

It does appear that our shameless and unremitting whining for news is starting to pay off! **Camilla Stroud**, who has sent information only one time since graduation, wrote us with a lot of news. She and her husband of 22 years, Charlie (Welsh), and their boys, Ben and Andrew, still live in Falls Church, Va., where they've been for 18 years. Ben is a sophmore at George Mason High School, and Andrew is an eighth-grader at George Mason Middle School. Charlie has worked for Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) for over five years making a daily commute of 100 miles. He is seeking new opportunities so that he can be closer to home.

Camilla left her job with Leisure World of Virginia in Leesburg, Va., in November 1999, after establishing and running the community activity program single-handedly for nearly three years. She felt that her boys needed her presence and guidance more as adolescents than they had when they were younger. She also realized how little time they have left before they leave for college, and she wanted to spend the remaining time with them. Camilla said that "they're really great guys, and I know that I'm very lucky!" She now works part time as a public relations temporary for PRofessional Solutions. She was on a short-term assignment with Nextel Communications in Reston, Va., working with the VP of internal communications. She says that it's a really great opportunity to learn a lot about working in, and surviving, a large corporation without having the risk/exposure of being an employee. Her previous assignments were with National Public Radio (NPR) and the National Medical Association. She really enjoys working part-time, temporary assignments — learning new environments, helping them to solve their problems, and then leaving before she gets bored! Camilla said she wishes she had known sooner that she could be content in a job where she wasn't in charge!

Camilla is planning her family's third annual visit to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, where they ride every roller coaster and do things that are entirely different from their day-to-day activities. And then they will return home feeling wonderfully refreshed.

Pam Smith McGahagin changed jobs last June and is now a media/event coordinator for WATL-TV, the WB affiliate in Atlanta, Ga. She wrote that, though her job is fun, she's working harder than she should and probably should have done this job when she was in her 30s!

It's been an active and entertaining year for the McGahagin kids. Daughter Sarah, 13, has been singing in a chorus since she was 9. This year she was selected to be in the Georgia All-County Chorus. Ian, 11, represented his elementary school at the local science Olympiad. Things are going so well with them that Pam said she'd like to freeze-dry them for a few years and thaw them out after high school! She and her husband, Mike, are busy remodeling their house, working, and wishing they had time to do more traveling.

Pam has been in touch with **Pat Denton** and she runs into **Martha Fisher Buckley** at church every once in a while. Pat says that Martha looks just the same as she did when she lived in the French house!

Diane Harvey Smith lives in Northern Virginia — the part that everyone pretends is not really Virginia. Her twin sons have finished their freshmen year at Virginia Tech in engineering, clearly taking after their dad in their abilities in math and science! Diane quit her job in market research for Congressional Information Service in spring 2000 in a fit of mid-life crisis and went to work for a Reston-based dot-com. She quickly tired of working with people who were as young as her kids, and just as clueless, so she returned in November to LexisNexis in Bethesda and is now working on strategy and product development for the academic market. Diane and her husband, Steve, attended the wedding of Pat Denton's daughter. Diane wrote, "Talk about something that makes you feel old — try attending your college roommate's daughter's wedding!"

Pat Denton Rounds still works at the library. She went to England in January to see her daughter, Kate Rounds, receive her M.A. degree. In May, Kate married an Englishman in a ceremony in Pittsboro, N.C. Kate and her new husband will live in England. Pat now has an excellent excuse for periodic trips abroad, especially since she's happily single again!

Linda Raflo Raford wrote a long letter updating us on her continually amazing life's journey. After practicing midwifery for nearly 20 years, Linda completed three grueling years of school in Florida studying Oriental medicine, including acupuncture. She said that it was an awesome experience and that it rivals her love of midwifery. Prior to traveling to China for a four-month internship working in a clinic, she and the family (minus Noah, who graduated from Brown U. and now lives and works in San Francisco with computers) will travel the world! Husband Paul, a physician, plans to do some consulting work via the Internet while they travel with daughter Alia and son Jared.

Jonette deButts Hahn is working to preserve affordable housing in communities throughout the United States. Most of the communities are located in Virginia and Maryland, but some are scattered as far as rural Idaho and Washington state. It's a nice change of pace now that her children, Tory and Bert, are grown.

Since Hubbard is one of the first of our group to turn the big 50 this year, she and old roomie, **Lisa Tyree Nose**, and **Carol Flaherty** are planning a trip to a luxury spa in Arizona for pampering. Hubbard spoke recently to **Nancy Pederson Trzcinski** and got the following news: Nancy and her family (husband Hank; Matthew, a fourth-grader; and Christine, a kindergartner) have relocated to Yardley, Pa., from Arizona for Hank's new job. Nancy remarked wryly that, after having lived there for nearly eight years, now is when Hubbard, Tyree, and Flaherty plan a trip to Arizona! Nancy works part time as a special education aide, and since she started her career as a teacher after graduating from MWC, she feels she has come full circle back to the classroom. Nancy loves being on the same schedule as her kids, although she told Hubbard that, "Having kids at 42 is no picnic!" Maybe she could use a day at that Arizona spa?

As for me, Patti, I can't believe that my son Patrick is in the throes of SATs and visiting colleges already! How is that possible? I am happy to report that he has finally listened to my reasoning and is considering MWC! Daughter Megan is preparing to be a bridesmaid in the wedding of a family friend. I am busy as chair of a 10th anniversary event for an organization I co-founded, the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation. The Ribbons & Roses Ball, a creative black tie affair with a pink, black and white theme, will be held October 5 in Richmond. I was thrilled to be honored recently by the Senate of Virginia and by Governor James Gilmore for my 10 years of volunteering and activism in the fight against breast cancer. It was definitely a high point, for me and for VBCF, to receive formal recognition for such a worthwhile cause.

Hubbard and I look forward to the time we spend together reading your notes and catching up with our classmates — and with each other.

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From Lina:

I received some tragic news last November of the death of **Deborah Yount Reeves**, a dear friend, who attended MWC her first two years and finished at Medical College of Virginia with a degree in physical therapy. Debbie and I remained close friends after MWC. We were both in each other's weddings.

The following words, spoken by a friend at her funeral, provide an insight into how she affected those who knew her: "Debbie was blessed with a caring spirit and a generous heart. She dedicated her life to improving the lives of others — as a physical therapist, a volunteer in the Albemarle County schools, a fund-raiser for school programs, a helping hand to her neighbors, a caregiver for the friends of her children, a confidante for her friends, and most importantly, a devoted mother to her children. Generous with her time and unselfish with her talents, she was a source of support and strength for her family and countless members of the community.

"Her engaging personality and vivacious laugh have touched many and are remembered by all. We will miss her talkative out-going nature and boundless energy. Her generous spirit lives on in her children and is remembered by everyone whose lives she has touched."

Our deepest condolences go to her family and friends.

1976

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From **Ann Chryssikos McBroom**:

First I must announce that in spring 2000, shortly after a deadline for this publication, **Judy Sledge Joyce** notified me of the birth of her twins, Julianne and Jeffrey. They keep her very busy, but she has a lot of help from their older brother, Jack, who was born just before our 20th reunion in1996. We will not question what Judy and her husband Rick have planned for the 30th.

We had a great turnout for our 25th reunion. After a soggy start on Friday, June 1, the weather cooperated for us to gather at Palmieri Plaza for the picnic and later to take that long walk to Framar for our class meeting and party.

We need to thank **Jane Reese-Coulbourne** for a job well done as the reunion coordinator; **Daphne Johnston Elliott**, who produced the reunion booklet; and **Madelin Jones Barratt**, who was the fund drive coordinator for our class. We are pleased to announce that we met and exceeded our goal of $15,000 for both the general fund and the Washington Scholars program. **Cathy Colbert** has agreed to be the coordinator for our 30th reunion in 2006, and Daphne Johnson Elliott, as you can see above, is willing to serve as our class agent. Also, our own **Ellen Byrne** received MWC's Distinguished Alumnus award during the reunion banquet. Ellen completed a pharmacy degree at MCV and went on to attend dental school there. She's now a member of the MCV dental school faculty and has been widely recognized for her professional achievements and contributions. Read more about her elsewhere in this issue.

We were joined at the class party by a couple of members of the Class of 1975 who are special to us: **Steve Jones** from Australia, **Allan Jenkins** from Tennessee and **Eva Graham** from Maryland. Eva has the most complete photographic documentation of our years at MWC. Allan spent months organizing and communicating with a group for a cookout hosted by **Emmett Snead** at his farm just outside Fredericksburg. Among those who attended were **Richie** and **Barb Kennedy Hasty** '80 from Fredericksburg, **Chip** '77 and **Candy Peplin Schwab** '77 from Ohio, **Marty** '75 and **Suzie Carroll Manch** '78 and their three girls from Fredericksburg, **Gary Danley** and one of his children, **Glenn Markwith** and wife Ann with one of their children from Gloucester, **Jill Turner Morris**, **Diane Pace Phillips**, **Barbie Sullivan McPherson**, **Margo Clifford**, and **Robin Hotchkin Warren**. Allan, of course, brought his guitar and was joined by **Ralph Gordon** and **Michelle Lavin** '75 who entertained us with some of our old favorites. Glennie joined in to sing, also. Everyone enjoyed the get-together so much that they have vowed to get together again sooner than 2006.

Many of us were staying at the Hampton Inn, so much later Saturday night we gathered in one of the rooms for more socializing, gossiping and catching up. There, more people who had attended other functions were able to visit. We are all looking forward to the next time we convene and hope that some of you who were not able to attend will read this and get in touch so that we will have an even larger group in 2006 or before.

As I end my term as your class agent, I wish to thank all of you who took the time and trouble to send me information. Please keep Daphne hopping. She intends to expand the e-mail register so that we can all communicate easier and she can beg people more efficiently to send her news!

1977

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From Sue:

Pam Kendle Crowley bought a historic home in downtown Clifton, Va. Pam teaches high-school chemistry in Fairfax County. Adam is a junior at Va. Tech. Andrew is a sophomore at U.Va. and Josh, the youngest son, keeps Pam busy with biking, soccer and swimming.

I received a note from **Pattie Walker**, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, where her husband owns and operates Advantage Rent-A-Car. Pattie is the proud mother of eight (yes, eight!) children (all single births) ranging in age from 19 to 2. Pattie keeps busy with their sporting activities, shuttling children to school, and being president of the high-school booster club.

Luisa Freeman Favardin is in Vienna, Va. Lu's young son, Sammy, is a very smart bundle of energy. Lu is a utility economist and works as a consultant from her home office.

It is hard to believe that we have been in Durham, N.C., for three years now. My husband is working on his Ph.D. in financial economics at UNC. Daughters Rachel and Hannah keep me busy with school, soccer, swimming and piano. I have found the perfect job — that of a teacher's assistant at the girls' school. We continue to travel extensively and enjoy summer vacations at the North Carolina beaches. If you are in the area, our home is always open for visitors.

1980

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From Laura:

Hello all! Here's the scoop!

First of all — anyone remember **Kathy Epsom**? If not, here's why! Her maiden name was **Epson**. Somehow we missed that typo! Also her husband, John Peake, is "an adorable Australian" who works as a cross-cultural trainer teaching foreigners who come to the United States how to do things in a free-market economy.

I was also glad to learn, after my confession of taking 20 years to get my first note to our class agent, that I am not the only one. **Ruby Goffigon Ricks** wrote, "This is my first time to send in any notes. It seems my only form of written communication is by e-mail. I earned my master's in counseling from East Carolina U. in '93. After teaching for 13 years, I am now a school counselor at a K-5 elementary school in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. My husband, Wesley, and I have two beautiful little blond boys, Ryan and Will. Ryan will start kindergarten at my school in the fall."

Remember hearing that **Sue Titchenell** rescued **Tammy Cameron Bonaime**, who was in Fredericksburg all the time, from the lost list? Well, guess who found Sue? It was **Pam Troutman** — another relatively newly-wed! She married Bruce Langwiser in February 2000 and skipped the whole having-children step and went instantly into grandparenting. She said she can't emphasize enough how much better it is! She works in the Maritime Safety Information Center at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA). She's considering an occupation change from cartographer to marine analyst. She has been writing for *ferrets* (one of Fancy Publications' magazines) and producing STAR* Ferrets newsletter for several years but has gone back to being a freelance writer. She maintains a nationwide database of ferret shelters, clubs, veterinarians, etc. Check it out at www.ferretcentral.org. Pam and Bruce have two cats and 11 ferrets.

We heard from **Amy Baker**: "I have my own vacation agency called Cruise Planners. I help people plan cruises that will be right for them. The ships vary a lot in size and specialties. Some are great with kids and have a lot of activities while others are quieter, more elegant. I am able to offer substantial discounts — up to 80 percent. It's fun and a wonderful way to travel."

Sounds like just the thing for **Patty Simpson**, who travels extensively around the globe for work and pleasure. She's been deputy chief with the Army Nonappropriated Fund Benefits Program since 1987. She said she particularly loved the Hawaii work trip. It fell over a three-day weekend, so she was able to absorb some Waikiki sun and snorkel in Hanauma Bay. She said her trip to Germany in March was grueling. She drove 1,200 miles on the autobahn, gave 14 presentations and took a 20-hour roundtrip train ride to Pisa, Italy, for another two presentations in a two-day period. She said she was never so glad to get back to the good old U.S.A., where she didn't have to see *schnitzel* or *wurst* on every menu! "The leaning tower of Pisa is being held up by cables now. I swear, if the thing shifted, it would split in two, cables or not!" she added.

Please let us know what the rest of you have been up to. Hint! As you're putting together that old Christmas update that so many of us are in the habit of sending, just drop a copy in the mail to one of your class agents.

From Nancy:

It is hard to believe that it has been a year already since the 20th reunion! I received a note from **Lisa Brehm Ellis**, who said that she and family are well, and another from **Vicky Nichols Wilder**, who wrote that her family has moved from Fredericksburg to Spotsylvania, out in Civil War country, on two acres which back up to Chancellorsville Battlefield. I get an occasional e-mail from **Kit Givens Burns**, who is fine, busy doing the baseball thing with sons, Nate and Ben.

I was happy to hear from a couple of folks who have been out of touch, including **Cindy Hammond Sosnowski**. Since leaving MWC, Cindy first worked as a hematology medical technologist at GWU and then moved to New York to work for Bayer. She became a biomedical engineer and continued working for Bayer designing and troubleshooting blood analyzers. In the midst of all this, Cindy attended NYU film school to pursue her passion for photography. She even shot at Wimbledon in '82 and '83! Just before our 15th reunion she met her husband, Russell, whom she married during a blizzard! They built a new home in Westchester, N.Y., and then had two children, Tyler and Riley. Cindy's sister, **Pam** '82, lives in Houston, Texas, is an ER physician and has three children — Tiffany, Emma, and Caleb.

Cindy keeps in touch with **Barb Moseley**, who had a son in December 2000. Cindy would love to hear from any of the ladies who started MWC Crew — who would have thought crew would finally become a varsity sport! She has retired from Bayer and is now working at her hardest job ever, being a mom!

Al "Coco" Guillem, a long-lost chemistry major, wrote to reveal his whereabouts for the last 20 years. After graduating, he worked for AH Robins in Richmond for 11 years in various capacities. While working, Al attended graduate school and earned a doctorate in chemistry. It was a combined project in both analytical and physical chemistry (Dr. Mahoney would be proud!). After his Robins tenure, he went to Roxane Laboratories, followed by Adams Laboratories in Fort Worth, Texas, and then to Rochester, N.Y., to work for Medeva Pharmaceuticals. Two years ago he was asked to return to Adams Labs to be the general manager of the manufacturing division. Al and his wife, Mary, also own a medical research business in Daytona Beach, Fla., which she runs. So, they are truly a couple of the millennium commuting between Daytona Beach and Dallas. Al thinks there may be some benefits of commuting as he and Mary have been married for 24 years. They have two grown children: a son, recently graduated from college and is a pilot, and a daughter, who is a junior at Stetson U. in Florida.

Linda Jones, professor of ceramic engineering at Alfred U. in New York, rendezvoused with **Patty Goliash Andril** and husband David in NYC for a fun weekend last February to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and to walk around the city. Patty also sent an e-mail about the get-together with Linda. She had just returned this spring from a romantic interlude in San Francisco with David while kids Katie and John stayed with their grandmother. The Andrils will begin the summer with a weeklong sail on the Chesapeake Bay. Then the kids will go to sailing school for a month while mom and dad stay on their boat nearby! Patty relayed the news that Linda won another teaching award this year.

Joanne Whelan Nikitakis lives in Fredericksburg and has been watching it grow immensely along with her four kids — John, Katie, Christine and Peter. Her husband, Jim, is entrenched with several businesses, seven restaurants and an amusement company. Joanne resigned from her position with CTFA 10 years ago, but she still does a regular bit of work as a contractor for them. Right now she is redrawing their structures for the CTFA dictionary, about 6,000 or so, using Chemdraw software. She paid a visit to chemistry professor Dr. Gratz for a quick lesson on the software! Dr. Wishner would be impressed that she coached her son on how to draw the DNA double helix for his seventh-grade biology class.

Gail Melanson Carr finally succumbed to the pressure I was applying as her MWC roommate and agreed to share some news fit for print. She was accepted to the Maryland Governor's Academy for Science and Mathematics this past summer held at Towson U. As soon as the Governor's Academy is over, she is going to Italy for two weeks. Gail is still teaching fifth grade at Jackson Road Elementary in Silver Spring, Md. She loves the kids but hates the state testing. Outside of work, she enjoys playing the guitar and singing in a folk group at her church — some of the same songs we did at the Masses on campus!

Kimm Harty broke open her piggy bank to buy tickets to eight events during the February 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, where she lives. She also bought a sleeper-sofa to make room for guests like **Colleen Henegan**, who has also purchased tickets for the second week's events, and who will be making her base camp at Kimm's house. Look for Kimm in the nosebleed seats during the opening ceremonies — she'll be the shivering, blue-lipped woman in the crowd holding up a sign that says, "Hi Mom!"

Ford Hart and his wife, Kay, returned to Washington from China in June 2000 after a three-year assignment at the U.S. Embassy. While in Beijing, they adopted their daughter, Alice, and Ford won the State Department's highest award for diplomatic reporting. In June 2001, he finished a one-year tour as a special assistant to the under secretary of state for political affairs, and in August he began an assignment as the deputy director for crisis management of the department's operations center. The Harts live in Alexandria, Va., and are thrilled to be home. They keep in touch with **Beth Innis Landin** '79, who moved to Tokyo from Seoul last year, and rendezvoused with Beth, husband Mark and son Kyle in Beijing in 2000 before returning to the United States. Ford has been in contact with **Janine Peake**, who is thriving in London with husband John and daughters Allegra and Maria. Speaking of whom, Janine sent a quick update — she stopped working full time in June 2000, ironically to get back into shape, and found a month later that she had early-stage breast cancer. At her insistence, it was found by ultrasound, not by mammography. Janine wanted to share her experience to urge everyone to keep pushing for tests if they think something is wrong. Luckily, she only needed a lumpectomy and the lymph nodes under her arm were clear. In February, Janine started a new job (which she hadn't planned, but it sounded too interesting to pass up) as the head of European investor relations for Financial Security Insurance, a bond guarantor. Her most onerous task is how to find the best restaurants to take clients to!

Amy Hauck Newman was married in February 2000 to Nigel Greig in a romantic ceremony on the beach in Jamaica. Nigel, also a scientist, works at the National Institute of Aging, which is conveniently located next to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, where Amy has her laboratory! Amy and Nigel co-chaired a symposium at the annual scientific meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence in Scottsdale, Ariz., in June. They took kids Katelyn, Kelly and Joshua, and following the meeting visited the Grand Canyon and surrounding area. The kids are doing great and all three are avid lacrosse players.

On a sad note, some of you may have seen **Mary Beth Dowell Lynch** listed under the In Memoriam column of the last *MWC Today*. I learned that she died last fall at her home in Manassas, Va., of breast cancer. Mary Beth was a real estate assessment officer for Prince William County for the last 15 years. She leaves her husband, Monty, her parents, one brother and two sisters. If anyone would like to make an expression of sympathy to her family, please contact me and I can provide you with details. I would also like to extend our sympathy to **Cheryl McKay Comes**, who lost her father on Good Friday.

My family has been great, busy like the rest of you! I continue to be a research scientist dropout (which I do miss) but did try my hand at teaching middle-school math and science last year in two eight-week substituting positions at a nearby private school. It was a most challenging experience! Our summer plans called for visiting family in Florida and a special trip to Bermuda for my husband, Larry, and me to belatedly celebrate our 20th anniversary. Katie and Tanner spent that week with Larry's mom at an intergenerational camp at Ghost Ranch, N.M.

I would like to thank all of you who responded to our request for news, and Laura and I urge all of the 1980 alumni to take a moment to make contact with old MWC friends. With the ease and availability of e-mail, there is no good excuse not to let us know how you are doing!

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From Lori:

Our 20th reunion was a wonderful weekend for all those in attendance, about 45 of our classmates, many of whom had not been back to the College since graduation. The campus was truly beautiful! I heard many comments about how much had changed, all for the better. All those new buildings fit right in and look like they've been there forever!

The weekend was full of activities. Our reunion coordinator, **Tom Valente**, arranged to have Carl's ice cream at our class party on Saturday afternoon! Needless to say, that event was one of the highlights. Tom and his wife, Rebecca Davis, live in Redondo Beach, Calif., where Tom is a professor at the U. of Southern California and Becca is a professor at UCLA. Becca is pregnant with their first child. Tom did a great job putting the reunion together for us!

Pam Clapp Hinkle also did a wonderful job as our reunion booklet editor. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the reunion as she and husband Greg had just become new parents to Ian on April 1. In addition to being a new mom, Pam keeps busy with her job as director of communications for the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., riding horses, gardening, traveling and working on their 19th-century farmhouse in Plymouth, Mass.

Cheryl Blades Kennedy lives in Lafayette, Colo., where she and Carl, her husband of 20 years, live with their three children. Cheryl is a scientist at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden. In spite of being diagnosed with MS 10 years ago, Cheryl is still very active as a wife, mother, scientist and Girl Scout leader.

John Coski is historian and library director of the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. His wife, **Ruth Ann Spivey Coski** '79, also works at the museum. **Susan Flournoy Pierce** is an attorney; she, her husband and daughter live in Warrenton, Va.

Wendy Brown, her husband, Frank Marrs, and Frank's daughter, Whitney, live at Lake Anna in Spotsylvania County. Wendy just celebrated her 20-year anniversary of working at Naval Space Command in Dahlgren. **Denise Brown Johnson** is a system engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, designing the weapon control systems for the Tomahawk cruise missile. She, husband Steve and their three children live in Spotsylvania County. **Patty Churchill Shippee**, husband Mike and their four children live in King George, Va.

Elisa Devorshak Harvey is a veterinarian at the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, Md. She and husband Brian, a physician, and their two sons are enjoying their new home in Sandy Spring, Md. **Ellen Stanley** is director of communications for National Geographic Ventures, where she is responsible for consumer public relations, promotions, marketing and sponsorships for the taxable subsidiary of the National Geographic Society. She lives in Old Town Alexandria, where she is an active member of the Commission of the Arts. She takes arts classes and enjoys traveling, tennis, reading, the mountains and spending time with family and friends.

Patti Donnelly is director of development at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown U. She enjoys gardening, decorating her

home in Arlington and playing with her Westie. She is an active volunteer with many organizations, particularly those whose mission focuses on social justice issues. **Sharon Floyd Hix** is a high-school biology teacher in Williamsburg, Va. She and husband Bill, an Army officer, have one son, Joe. In addition to watching the Redskins, playing with her dog and just being with her family, Sharon enjoys traveling around the world; they've been to Asia, Europe, Africa and South America.

Colleen McCahill Turley is an account executive for Phillips Van Heusen out of New York. She and husband **David Turley** have one son. Dave is director of systems for the SANS Institute in Bethesda, Md. Colleen and Dave both work out of their beautiful new home in Spotsylvania County.

Nancy McEntyre Kenefick and husband Steve live in Springfield, Va., with their two children. Nancy is an elementary school teacher in McLean. **Katie Kulp Jones** lives in Roanoke, where she has been a library media specialist since getting her certification from Radford College two years ago. Katie and Dennis, her husband of 19 years, have three daughters, including two teen-agers.

Kath Otto Gilman is a human resources staff officer at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency in Bethesda, Md. She and husband David, who is self-employed, live in Warrenton, Va. **Suzy Palmer**, her husband and their baby son live in Annapolis. Suzy works for Northrop Grumman, a defense contractor. **Lynda Richardson** is a photojournalist who specializes in wildlife and environmental issues. For more than 15 years she has worked for various magazines, organizations and corporations. She plays on three soccer teams, referees soccer, and also enjoys white-water kayaking, fly-fishing and catfishing, tree and rock climbing, and her two Jack Russell terriers.

Bridget Meaney Weaver is a homemaker and volunteers in Alexandria, Va. She and her husband, John, an attorney, have three sons. **Jenny Sharp-Warthan** is a family-practice physician in Newport News, Va. She and Danny, her husband of 20 years, have two daughters. Jenny enjoys boating, cooking and traveling. **Lisa Upton Smith** lives in Richmond, Va. She is a homemaker who enjoys volunteering at her church, baking, decorating and creating recipes. She has one daughter, Morgan.

Jodi Romayko Miller is a deputy clerk in the Hanover County Circuit Court. She and her husband, Scott, have two children. Jodi enjoys photography, sports, reading, camping and skiing. **Ricky "Chico" Rodriguez** enjoys living in Purcellville, Va. Until recently, he worked for America On Line.

Karen Snyder Boff is a homemaker who enjoys reading, hiking, scrapbooking, rollerblading and bargain hunting at yard sales. She volunteers at her daughters' schools and at church. She and husband Jamie have three daughters and live in Acworth, Ga., outside of Atlanta. **Bobbie Dwyer Leon** and her husband, Jay, have three children and live in Ellicott City, Md. Bobbie is very active in her church and volunteers in her children's schools. **Charlotte Clare Snyder** also lives in Ellicott City with her husband, Mike, an engineer, and their children.

Thanks to **Yvonne Walbroehl** for serving as one of our class agents for the last five years. **Lori Catanzaro Sciadini** has volunteered to do it for the next five years, and I will continue as a class agent, as well. Please send us your news! Many who attended the reunion were wondering what the rest of you have been up to! We'd love to hear from you! In the meantime, mark your calendars for the weekend after Memorial Day 2006 — our 25th reunion!

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From Marcia:

Your classmates have been busy and on the move. **Susan Leavitt** has been traveling in Paris, London and Norway. She has also purchased a home in Del Ray Alexandria. **Pat Garnett Brooks** has a wedding in the works for her son, Steve, who will marry in November 2001. **Judy Sweetman Borek** has married Wayne Gwynn and now lives in St. Mary's County, Md. **Barb Balogh** has left her position in a law firm in Waynesboro and moved to Richmond. She took a position as assistant ethics counsel with the Virginia state bar. Barb said there's no litigation involved with this position, just helping attorneys stay out of trouble.

Andrea Kocolis Hornung and family built a house in Fredericksburg, where they now live. Both Andrea and her husband work in their same positions. Andrea keeps in touch with **Susan Kushmeider Burton**, who keeps very busy with full-time motherhood to two pre-school girls whose interests include ballet, swimming and softball. Susan is a member of junior league and will chair their big fund-raiser this year. She is also captain of a USTA league tennis team and is active in her church's women's group. Besides sailing during the summer, they planned to visit Andrea and family.

Theresa Min Lee has three boys. Theresa's sister, Catharina, was married in San Francisco, and the whole family attended the wedding. Her brother also got married and is practicing medicine in Chester.

Muffin Williamson Wilson has gotten back into politics and campaigned for George W. Bush. She is involved with Great Falls Republican Women, teaching Sunday school and running her boys to wrestling practice.

Pat Schlimgen Martin has taught grades K-2 for 17 years in Prince William County schools. Son William and daughter Janet both play soccer while dad Rick coaches. Pat lost her mom in June 1999 to MS, diabetes and cancer. Her father has remarried and lives in Spotsylvania County. Pat's brother, **Steve Schlimgen** '80, lives in Chesapeake with his wife, four daughters and several golden retrievers. Pat ran into **Meg Bell Synan** at a Pampered Chef party, a blast from the past for both of them. Weren't we all in Randolph freshman year?

Princess Moss is teaching K-5 music at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Louisa County. She has been teaching for 18 years. Last year she was elected vice president of the Virginia Education Association, which is a two-year term. She also served as delegate to the National Education Association convention in Los Angeles. Princess said she enjoys teaching and being an advocate for children, public education and members of the VEA.

Kathie Enfield Jarow reported that husband Tim is working for the Department of Commerce at the Census Bureau in Suitland, Md. They have moved to La Plata, Md., where their three daughters keep them busy.

Mable Royal recently got together with **Harolyn Berry Bland**, and they caught up on each other's lives. Mable said that Harolyn, husband Jeff and children Jerilyn and Justin are doing fine. Mable also reported that **Ursula Coleman-Walker** and husband Delbert moved into a new house in Fredericksburg and that **Verna Williams Watson** and family are all doing well. Mable plans to visit Verna soon.

Monica Rastallis Cashin reported that they got over 13 feet of snow over the winter but were still able to travel to California for a much-needed spring vacation.

We went to Costa Rica for a vacation in April — what a neat trip! We ended up swinging from platforms between the trees, and we were suspended only by cables — what a thrill!

Keep in touch!

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For those of you that missed the 15th reunion, don't miss the 20th! We had a fabulous time — in fact, it was so good that a few members of other classes have decided to adopt the Class of '86! The class party was the highlight of the weekend. Many thanks to those of you who donated to the party fund — your generosity made everything possible. Memorabilia from T-shirts and sweatshirts to *MWC Today* and Junior Ring Week flyers, grad ball and other event posters, photographs and the like decked-out Westmoreland while hours and hours of 80's tunes prepared by **Tracy Greener Hollan**'s husband, Michael, were played. Food and beverages of all kinds fortified our crew, with the highlight of the afternoon culminating in a raffle of goodies from the MWC Bookstore! Thanks to all who helped with the event, including **Irene Thomaidis Cimino**, **Kristi Williams McCune**, **Michelle Runge**, Tracy Greener Hollan and **Jocelyn Piccone Allgood**. I am happy to report that I will once again be serving as class agent and reunion coordinator.

Forgive me if I miss anyone who attended the reunion, for due to the excitement of the big event and, of course, a little beer, my memory is a bit cloudy! The longest-distance-traveled award was shared by **Terri Chapman** and Michelle Runge, who flew from California, and **Karen Anderson**, who came from Seattle. Terri ended up in California after packing her belongings and traveling cross-country. Michelle is in international marketing and sales for Westrim Crafts. She earned a Master of International Management

degree from Thunderbird and lives in Santa Monica, Calif., where she enjoys surfing. **Therese "Rese" Engman Bergen**, husband Fred and their two children, including daughter Savannah who identified herself as a member of MWC's Class of 2018, were big winners at the class party raffle — although Terri Chapman, who took home the MWC umbrella, styled herself the grand-prize winner!

Reunioners also included **Terry Bain**, who lives in Warsaw, Va., with her two sons, Adam and Eric. Terry is self employed at a daycare center. Since leaving her career as a conference and special events planner, **Karen Cox Propheter** has become a homemaker and mother. Karen, husband John and Victoria Ashley recently moved to Bristow, Va., to a new four-bedroom townhome. **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt** teaches ESL to grades K-5 for Roanoke County public schools and has published ESL materials through a locally based company. She and husband Dan have twin boys, Alex and Max. **Julie Evetts Clarke** stays busy with son Nicholas and husband Francis, who works at Clarke Realty Partners. **Mina Holden Horn** and husband **Todd** '84 live in Reisterstown, Md. Mina left teaching to care for their three children, sons Grayson and Silas and daughter Scarlett Ann, while Todd is a partner in the law firm of Venable, Baetjer & Howard in Baltimore.

After graduating from MWC, **Candice Fletcher Worley** moved back home to Ashland, Va. She attended MCV School of Nursing and worked on the trauma floor at MCV hospital, where she met her husband, Mac. She and Mac ultimately settled in Marietta, Ga., where Mac has a medical practice. They have three children, Connor, Kate and Jake, and are in the process of constructing their dream home.

Tracy Greener Hollan terms herself a senior domestic engineer! She and husband Michael have two children, Reagan and Logan, and live in Marlton, N.J. **Deborah Hass McKinney** is an office manager/insurance agent for Brown-Quintal. She and husband Jim live in East Hampton, Conn., where they are raising their two children, Erin and Matthew. After MWC, **Troy Knighton** worked at several colleges and universities in residence life overseeing residence halls, during which time he earned his master's in education from American U. and his education specialist degree in counselor education from U.Va. in 1994. Troy is currently the director of training and education in the AIDS service program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and lives in Alexandria, Va., where he recently purchased a new condo. Troy sees a lot of **Brent Davis** and **Paul Killmer**, who also live in Alexandria, and both of whom had their first reunion experience this year!

Donna Metzger Lantagne enjoys being a stay-at-home mom for children Joseph and Emma. She and her husband, Tony, own Lantagne Publishing, which specializes in appellate work, including matters for the U.S. Supreme Court. **Carol Mills** works as a legal assistant for Nextel in Reston. She stays busy with her nieces and nephews, who nicknamed her "Auntie Cayla."

Jocelyn Piccone Allgood is a healthcare administrator. Jocelyn earned her MHA from Wilkes College in 1989 and her M.A. from Antioch U. in 1999. Jocelyn enjoys sculling at the master's level. She and husband Sidney are not thrilled to live in Ohio.

Ann Stack Bartenstein is a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. She has two children, Leigh and Peter. In 1988, Ann earned an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth U. **Amy Minnigerode Knowles** stays busy with daughters Claire and Libby and stepson Chris. **Jennifer Taylor Boussage** is a senior vice president of international banking for Bank of America in Washington. Jennifer and her husband, Michel, a self-employed artist, have a son, Jagger Joseph, and live in Washington, D.C. **Brenda Their Evans** is a retired advertising sales exec who enjoys being a full-time mom to Kelsey and Drew. Brenda, children and husband Andy live in Baltimore, Md.

Irene Thomaidis Cimino has been working in the field of communications for 15 years. During her career, she has been an on-air radio reporter, was appointed the deputy press secretary to the governor of Virginia, and helped orchestrate several successful political campaigns for Democratic candidates for state and federal office. Rene now serves as the only female corporate spokesperson for Dominion, a Fortune 200 energy company, headquartered in Richmond, where she and husband Bill own a home.

Kristi Williams McCune works as a self-employed analyst. She is mom to three wild but beautiful daughters, Mallory, Allyson and Eleanor. Kristi earned her M.B.A. from the U. of Richmond. **Ruth Massey-Leichter** lives in Fairfax; **Cindy Rouse Miller** lives in King George, Va., and works at the Joint Warfare Analysis Center in Dahlgren. **Jenny Mathe Wise** will celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary this fall. Jenny and husband Dave have three children, Katherine, Christopher and Matthew. **Helen Joyner Murphy** and husband Doug live in Richmond with their two children. **Laura Ewert Rullmann** and her husband recently adopted a little boy from Korea and have named him Nathaniel Lee. **Tracy Gibson**'s son, Hunter, was the life of the class party. **Kim Daly Burkholder** is expecting a baby girl in October.

Kathy McDonald Cooke enjoyed catching up with everyone at the reunion, walking around campus, revisiting freshman dorm rooms in Virginia Hall and checking out Seacobeck, where she worked with such great people. Since graduation, Kathy has worked in mortgage banking and advertising and earned an MBA in marketing from Loyola College in Baltimore, where she met husband Jay. Kathy and Jay have three children — Christopher, Emily and new baby Erin, who also attended the reunion. Kathy stays in touch with roommate **Jill McInnis**, a school teacher, who also was in attendance, and **Amy Critzer Michael**, who was seen at the picnic but not the class party.

Renunioner **Jane Carroll Wilson** lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and two sons, Tyler and Sam. Jane works as a consultant part time. She got together for an MWC girls' night slumber party at **Ginny Farquharson Voyacks**' house (Ginny has three daughters, Meghan, Jesse and Becca) that included an MWC word scramble and a very embarrassing MWC remember-when photo contest! Those in attendance also included **J.J. Rickerich Schifsky** and son Adam, **Ellen Henderson Briggs** '88, **Jackie St. Martin** '85, **Maggie Russell** '84, **Becca Bennett Cuddy** '85 and **Theresa Somerville Tirell** '87. Many of the same group take part in an annual MWC girls' weekend that most recently took place in Key West. Another regular for these weekends is **Liz Proutt Connelly** '87. Last summer, while vacationing at the Outer Banks, Jane ran into **Pat McAleer** '89, **Kellie Conlin Bessette** and her husband **Scott** '87 and their son. Jane also attended an annual MWC Thanksgiving dinner that has grown each year. Some of the annual attendees in addition to those listed above include: **Frank Gilmore** '84 and wife Karen, **Barry McCormick** and wife Jen with two boys, **Wynn Voeks** '87, **Todd Vecchio** '87, **Mark Gibson** '85 and wife Sue, **Dave Farmer** '84 and wife Amy, and **Jerry Whitlock** '85.

Many of you did not make the reunion but did update us on what you have been doing. **Nancy McAndrew**, who was unable to attend because she was participating in a half-iron man triathlon during the weekend, took a business trip to Boston, where we got together to laugh about old times. **Cyndi Ames Jones**, who is the director of marketing for Independent Plan Coordinators in Virginia Beach, and husband Bob have two daughters, Katie and Kimberly. **Pamela Attkisson Armbrecht** works as a telecommunications project lead in Richmond. She and husband Randy also have two daughters, Alexandra and Abigail. **Elizabeth L. Boyce Moretz** teaches English in the Chesapeake County public school system. She earned her M.A. in English from Old Dominion U. and has been happily married for almost 11 years to the man she dated throughout college, Daniel Lee Moretz. They have a son, Daniel.

Elizabeth Broman Elliott became a stay-at-home mom after working as a cartographer at NOAA, Aeronautical Charting Division. Beth and husband John have two children, Jenny and Andrew. **Cathy Carr Lewis** works for Aventis Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. She and husband Scott, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, live in Hawaii. **Patricia Covington Petrone** is a financial systems manager for the city of Orlando. She and husband Michael are parents to Michaela. **Carole Crist Lee** worked as a chemist for 11 years and for the last four years has changed careers to be a domestic engineer. Carole and husband Christopher have two children, Jasmine and Marshall. Carole has moved around quite a bit, living in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., Boston, Texas, Maryland and, since 1993, Washington state. **Lauri Dickmann Black** is a dance teacher. She and husband David have three children, Connor, Keegan and Declan. **Edith Dunn** is a graduate student at U. of Minnesota, Duluth. After she earned a B.A. in historic preservation from MWC, Edie went on to Columbia U. in 1990 for an M.S. in historic preservation. She is working on her Ph.D. in interdisciplinary archaeological studies at the U. of Minnesota.

Carol Jean Eddlemon Sammarco is a domestic goddess to husband John and children Jacqueline and Alexandra. After MWC, Jean earned an M.S. in systems management from the U. of Denver. **Donna Eubank** is a computer programmer/analyst for EG&G at Dahlgren. **Susan Favorite** is a vice president/treasurer for the Fredericktown Bank. In 1989, Susan earned an MBA from Hood College. **Debra Ann Frelund Ryan** is an RN/systems administrator for Rex Healthcare. She and husband Shawn have two children, Liam and Erin, and live in North Carolina. **Barbara Heller** earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Northwestern U. in 1992. She is currently a professor at the U. of Nebraska.

Mark Hilldrup is a corporate trainer with Capital One. He married **Margaret Duke Hilldrup** '87. They have three daughters, Anne, Emma and Lucy. **Nancy Hite** is working as a principal for American Management Systems Inc. in Norfolk, Va., and is engaged to James Thomas Barker Jr. In 1989 Nancy earned her M.S. in psychology from Old Dominion U. Nancy enjoys working part time as a scuba diving instructor in Virginia Beach and maintains a scuba diving Website (www.capt-jt.com) for her fiancé. **John Hummel** earned a Ph.D. in experimental psychology and cognitive science from the U. of Minnesota in 1990. He took a job as an assistant professor in the psychology department at UCLA in 1991, where he has since become a full professor. In 1994 he married wife Lisa, and in 1998 they had a daughter, Natalie.

Susan Loyd Williams is a full-time stay-at-home mom. She and husband Scott have two children, Sam and Max. **Denise Christine Mastal Winicki** is also a stay-at-home mom for Nicholas, Nolan and Nathan. Chris earned an MHA from the Medical U. of South Carolina. **Karen McIntosh Manion** earned her master's degree in in-

ternational management in 1993. She moved to Montana in 1995 and works as a director at Montana State U. **Virginia McNeill Poindexter** is an attorney for the St. Paul Company in Richmond. She and husband Gordon have two children, Ashby and Lucy. **Rebecca E. Peed Finelli** lives in Locust Valley, N.Y., where she is a self-employed interior designer and decorator. Rebecca earned a Certificate of Design from the New York School of Interior Design in December 2000.

Mary Ellen Phelan Landis is a stay-at-home mom for her three children, Bridget, Eleanor and Brendan. The Landis family resides in Naperville, Ill. **Stephen Reagan** is a writer for Informative Design Group in Chantilly, Va., and lives in Reston. Stephen earned an M.A. in English from George Mason U. **Irene Rosetta Lombardi** is a teacher in Stafford County, Va. She has three daughters, Lori, Lisa and Linda, and two grandsons. Irene earned a master's of education from U.Va. in 1994. Her husband, Fred, passed away in 1989. **Kathy E. Simmons Zentz** is a part-time family educator for the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, Md. She and husband Len have a son, Logan. **Mike Stough** is a partner at Price, Waterhouse, Coopers, LLC. He and wife **Susan Ferrett** '85 have three children, Laura, Mikey and Carolyn. Mike earned his M.S. degree from Johns Hopkins U. in 1993. **Anne Marie Tisler Vencill** is a stay-at-home mom to Elizabeth, Theresa, Benjamin, Alexander and Henry — and yes, they are all hers! Anne earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. in entomology from VPI and SU. She and her family live in Athens, Ga.

Robin Van Fleet is an archivist for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. She earned her master of library science degree from the U. of Maryland in 1990. **Laura H. Wilson Hazelrigg** and her husband, Jeff, live in San Clemente, Calif. They have two daughters, Alyssa and Jessie. **Christopher Zavrel** earned an M.S. in geographic information systems from George Mason U. in 1992 and works as a systems engineering consultant for Scitor Corp. in Herndon. Chris and wife **Janet Hall** '87, a circulation manager for the National Wildlife Federation, have three daughters, Emily, Claire and Olivia.

Brenie Matute reported that her children, Brenie Alejandra and Michelle Cristine, are growing too fast! They live in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Brenie has been working for the Honduras Foundation for Investment and Development of Exports for the past 14 years and is also working on a national investment and export promotion strategy for one of the country's presidential candidates. Brenie's work keeps her busy with travel, and she has recently taken trips to L.A., Canada, Holland and Thailand. **Kim Mears**, who is still living in Florida, reported that **Anne Huber Gorham** has one boy and one on the way, and that **Tina Sandridge Carlston** has two girls, Christina and Corey. Bob Wetzel spilled the beans on wife **Jacqui Curtin Wetzel**. They have been married for 10 years and have three children, Timothy, Meredith and David. Bob reported that after MWC, Jacqui earned her master's in education from William and Mary. She taught kindergarten and first grade for several years, but once they started a family Jacqui decided to become a stay-at-home mom.

Finally, our special thoughts go to Mina Holden Horn, who lost her mother this past winter, and to the friends and family of **Beth Bridges** '85, who recently passed away.

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Peggy Haywood Hair has been associate vice president for development and director of alumni affairs at Birmingham-Southern College since July 1999. The Alabama native formerly worked at Gettysburg College in Pa., where she served as director for foundation and corporate gifts. Her 10-year development career includes experience in alumni affairs, annual fund work, major gifts and planned gifts. Prior to entering development, she worked 15 years in student affairs. Peggy received a B.S. from the University of Alabama, an M.S. from Indiana University and an MBA from MWC.

Lin and **Margaret Rand Outten** and their son, Liam, make their home in Chester, Md. Lin coaches soccer and softball at Washington College in Chestertown, and Margaret works in sales for a family-owned business. Any alumni in the area are welcome to look them up. Last fall Lin and Margaret had a mini-reunion with other members of the MWC soccer teams during a college tournament played at the College. Among the Class of '88 alumni were **Mark Benson**, **Tim** and **Susan Garafalo Brizzolara**, and **Shannon** '87 and **Clare Bohan Rowan**. During the tournament they also ran into another classmate, **Mo Morgan**, and his family, who live in Rome. Mo teaches at a seminary, and he and Lilian do a lot of mission work. Melinda, Daniel and Christina are all multi-lingual. They have a Website at www.romanmorgans.homestead.com.

I live in Arlington, Va., and work as the director of e-learning services for a multi-media learning company, Carney Interactive. Prior to Carney, I worked for an e-commerce start-up company in Washington, D.C. I recently applied to, and have been accepted by, several law schools. I hope to go back to school full time in fall 2002 to pursue a law degree. With the little free time I have, I enjoy working out and walking with my dogs.

Donny and **Mary Tracey Wardlaw** live in Fredericksburg with their three children, Catherine, Elizabeth and Joey. Mary appreciates the benefits of being a full-time mom, while Donny works at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Dahlgren, Va. Mary enjoys spending time with the kids and volunteering for many extracurricular events. Mary and Donny keep in touch with **Wendy Brown Hale** and her husband, Rick, who live in Richmond and have four children: Stephen, Bethany, Rebeckah and Mathew.

Eric and **Lori Wernicki Wadman** live in Hockessin, Del., and have two little girls, Erin and Becca. The family visited Disney World in January and had great summer vacation plans. Eric works in the pharmaceutical division for Dupont in Wilmington, and Lori works for MBNA. Lori reported that Chris and **Eileen Machak Allen** and their two children, Christine and Kevin, live in New Castle, Del.

Erik '99 and **Kali Poole Van Gilder** have been married since October 1989. They have a daughter, Nathalie, born in October 1995. They also have two large dogs and two cats, as well as two Grow-a-Frogs (which we are told can live for as many as 15 years!). Kali was an elementary school teacher in Spotsylvania County for four years, until Nathalie was born. She is now a full-time mother. Erik owns his own business and does corporate computer consulting. They plan to home-school Nathalie indefinitely. Kali and Erik just bought five acres of land in the Hartwood area of Stafford County and plan to build soon. They have seen **John Pimblett** '87 and his wife, Christie, who live in Colorado and have two boys, William and Andrew.

Jeff and **Kristin Livingston Coron** live in the Fredericksburg area and were expecting a sibling for daughter Emily in July. Jeff's brother, **Greg Coron** '90, and sister-in-law **Andrea Cooper Coron** '90 have added baby Julia to the family. She joins big brother Riley Cooper. Kristin and her sister-in-law have a business together serving as the office for a professional association.

Nicole Van Gilder bought a gorgeous row house in Capitol Heights, D.C., which will be consuming all of her time and money. Nicole still works for Airline Tariff Publishing Company and takes a lot of trips around the world with friends and sometimes, if we're really lucky, family. Her latest trips were to Amsterdam in February to see Wendy, another MWC classmate who is a Fulbright scholar in Amsterdam pursuing postmaster's education in art preservation. She also went to Marseille, France, in April to see her dad, my father in-law, who lives there.

After working as an editor for *The Free Lance-Star* for the past five years, **Wendy La Rue** left to go back to teaching. In August Wendy and **Éva Szima-Thornton** '92 opened The Learning Center, a Montessori school for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school is located in the old Falmouth post office in Stafford County. They are both looking forward to the opportunity to help children develop a love for learning through this hands-on approach to education. Wendy and Eva have been busy recruiting students and raising money to purchase equipment for the school. Wendy is also editing *Nurture*, a local parenting magazine, and doing freelance work for one of the major news wire services. She has lived in the Fredericksburg area since graduating from MWC. She married Michael Bobb, and they have twins, Abby and Aaron. Wendy reported that **Nancy Myzie Bryce** lives in Williamsburg and has two daughters.

Pat Filippone and wife **Wendy Risher Filippone** have been living in Southern California for nearly three years. Pat is the general manager of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, a minor league affiliate of the Anaheim Angels. Wendy stays at home with their daughter, Kelly.

Wendy Brown Hale enjoys being a full-time mom to Stephen, Bethany, Rebekah and Matthew. She's learning about balance between sharing life with hubby **Rick Hale** '87, home-schooling, church activities and teaching classes as a Creative Memories Consultant in the Richmond, Va., area. Wendy and Rick stay in touch with **Betsy Ledford Alvis** and husband Dennis, who were looking forward to a new baby in August to join siblings Callie, Brett and Georgie.

Lee Ann Marano Rogers delivered baby girl # two this year. **Patricia Dawson Cronin** is in Daytona, Fla., near family, as she and her children, Scott and Monica, wait to join husband and dad, John, in Germany after his year of service in Korea with the Air Force. **Jane Moncrief Elder**, Tim and daughter Esther welcomed Luke Herbert in April 2001. Dwayne and **Amy Mann Dixon** added a son to their family in January 2000. Amy enjoys being home with Stephen and Matthew full time after 12 years of teaching first grade. **Alison Krewatch Bass** enjoys her role as mom and teacher to three girls in Richmond, Va.

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From Alexis:

Hi everyone! Looking forward to hearing from more of you soon. Here's the latest I've received.

Kathy Buffington Worth and her husband bought a home in Gaithersburg, Md., and are proud parents of Connor Harrison Thomas, born in March 2001. **Pam Turner Waters**, **Sarah Harvey Pugh**, **Brenda Walker Patton** and **Monica Stroik** got together in Rockville to throw Kathy a surprise baby shower.

Pam's daughter, Kendall, was ready to celebrate her first birthday and keeps Pam busy with her walking. Sarah and her husband, William, made a recent trip to Charleston, S.C., and were busy visiting wineries in the spring. They were looking forward to a trip to Napa Valley and Sonoma Valley, hopefully later in the summer. Brenda works hard trying to juggle time with her son, Nicholas, and still work. Monica is busy teaching art.

Wendy Spielman teaches middle school in Palm Beach County, Fla. She was getting ready for a trip to England, France and Spain with her students in June.

Lisa Welty Paglioccini was recently featured on the front page of *The Washington Post* metro section. She, her husband, daughter and son were the feature family in an article discussing the rising costs of raising a family in Fairfax County.

My husband, Ed, and I live in Mechanicsville, Md., and I teach second grade in Waldorf. We're planning a trip to Europe over Christmas break. We adopted another miniature dachshund, Pepper, so our other dog, Max, could have a playmate his size. I have only three more classes to go to finish my master's program in curriculum and design. I plan to take my exams in October.

Please e-mail me with any updates you want to share with everyone! Take care!

1990

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Though my husband, Chris, and I had a busy winter — our daughter Eva O'Reilly was born in January 2001 — I was pleased to hear from several fellow 1990 alumni.

Jennifer Phinney Bell is a stay-at-home mom living in Parker, Colo. (close to Denver), with her husband, Pat, and two daughters. **Rebecca Murphy Fox** is looking forward to going back to teaching in the future and is currently a stay-at-home mother of two. **Gregory Haddock** has been teaching geography at Northwest Missouri State U. for the past five years and is nearing application for tenure. He and his wife, **Amy Billhimer**, have one son, Tyler, and one daughter, Cindy.

Susan Crytzer was good enough to send an extensive update. She is working for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) along with fellow MWC grads **Susie Hankel Riccio** and **Leslie Hutton Armstrong** '88. Susie also had a baby, Ethan Thomas, in January. Congrats Susie! Susan is engaged to Joe Marchant, whom she met four years ago at the All Harley drag races. He was a rookie driver, and she worked pit crew for another team. They now work for the same team, and Joe is riding a Pro-Gas Harley out of Columbia, Conn.

Sarah Blair Reeves lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works in advertising. She and her husband, Andy, have three cats and a lovebird. They spend most weekends on their ski-boat on a nearby lake. What a life! Sarah also caught up with **Greg** and **Tracy Hoyle Yamamoto**, who live in Kilmarnock, Va., with their daughter, Camille, and are expecting their second child.

I wish that we could include pictures with these updates as so many alums have beautiful children. Myself included, of course — not that I'm biased or anything!

1991

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From **Denise Mickelson Campbell**:

To all of you who were able to make it to the 10th reunion, I send a big thanks for making the day so much fun! We had a tremendous turnout. I think we might have set another reunion record. It is great that we have a class that wants to stay in touch with each other. I really need to thank **Rob Donovan**, for organizing the reunion and making things run smoothly, and **Stacey Lazzuri Ripple**, for preparing the Class of 1991 booklet. Rob and Stacey really put the time and effort into making our 10-year reunion special!

After five years of being the class reporter, I am turning the reigns over to Bill Donovan. He was kind enough to volunteer for the job. Our 15th reunion committee will be headed by **Amy Rose LaPierre**, and **Stacey Lazzuri Ripple** has volunteered to serve as the class booklet editor. Such dedication! I have to admit that the class booklet was so up-to-date with personal information, I don't really have more to add than that and I couldn't fit all that great information into our section of the notes. I can say that our class has been quite fruitful in the past 10 years and there were many future MWC students in attendance at the reunion.

I am sure many of you know that **Jeff Rountree** is now the vice president for college development at Mary Washington, but what you may not know is that he has made a very generous donation in the name of the Class of 1991 to the new alumni center. There will be a room named in our class's honor! I think it would be great for our class to follow in Jeff's footsteps and make a difference in the future of Mary Washington College.

I had a great time being the class agent, as I am sure Bill will. I hope everyone continues to send him information on all the great things going on in your lives! Take care everyone, I can't wait to see you all again in 2006!

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Hello everyone! We have had great response since the last issue. Here is the latest!

From Lisa:

Stacey Savage Hagenlock and her husband, Stuart, welcomed a baby boy, Nicholas, in March. Stacey keeps in touch with **Molly Calfee,** who is still in Hampton, where she teaches high-school English and coaches the tennis team. **Rob Menefee** is expanding his floor covering business to Fairfax, Va., and Naples, Fla. He still works with **Joe Kruper**, whose wife is expecting a baby boy in July. **Michaela Lajda Ames** and her husband, Justin, live in Lake Bluff, Ill. Michaela earned her master's in Spanish-English translation from Kent State U. in 1998 and is a freelance translator. She has translated several best-selling books and is the associate editor of a Latin American Medical Journal.

Sarah Putman Asby has been appointed assistant vice president of compliance, for U.S. Trust Company of North Carolina, which is a wealth management company that provides investment management, fiduciary and private banking services. Sarah oversees all aspects of bank and fiduciary compliance for U.S. Trust in North Carolina. She also works with senior management to develop, implement and monitor policies, procedures and internal controls consistent with Federal and State laws and regulations. For the last two years, she served as a paralegal for Ward and Smith, P.A., located in New Bern, N.C.

Sarah Perri Spalding and husband John live in Orlando with their two daughters, Isabelle and Abigail. Sarah is a stay-at-home mom, and she keeps up with a lot of MWC alums. She sent the following info: **Rebecca Gajdalo Gruber** lives in Ellicott City, Md., with her husband, Dave. They welcomed a baby boy, Eric, in Sept. 2000. **Erin Patrick Duncan** and husband **Billy** '91 live in Gainesville, Va. Erin is a physical therapist, and she and Billy had a baby girl, Abbey, in August 2000. **Suzie Head Epps** has returned to the United States after living in Europe for four years. She and her husband, Chris, have settled in Austin, Texas. **Marci Michaud** is living in Istanbul, Turkey! **Karen Richardson** lives in Fredericksburg and teaches social studies at a Stafford high school.

Dave Derkowski and his wife, Michelle, welcomed a baby girl, Julia Rhea, in October 2000. Dave works for Warner Brothers Music and travels all over the Carolinas and Virginia with a host of bands. He sent news of others as well: **Gordon Dixon** lives in Richmond and works for the National Federation of Builders. **Kent Romska** also lives in Richmond, where he is a sales rep for WMXB-B103. **Doug** and **Shannon Struve Couvillion** live in Richmond with their new baby girl, Emily. **Megan Prosser** lives and works in D.C. **Matt Downs** lives in Boston and works for an Internet consulting company called BrainGem as a business analyst. **Marc Rolfe** is his neighbor, and he works for TIBCO Software on wireless technology. **Hilary Holmes Anderson** lives in Arlington with her husband, John. Hilary works as a consultant for American Management Systems in Fairfax. She and her husband also own a catering business and a café called Blue Skies! She keeps in touch with several alums: **Kate Stanford McCown** and husband John, both attorneys, living in Atlanta; **Vicki Southard** lives in Annandale and was recently married to **Stephen Mackey**! **Amy Machak Vay** and her husband, Bob, live in Dumfries, Va.; **Amy Wiley Lopez** and husband Al live in Springfield, Va. Amy has earned her master's degree, and she and her husband were expecting their first child in April 2001. **Kirsten Kusko Moar** and her husband, Eric, moved from New York to Falls Church, Va., in 1996. They were expecting their first child in March 2001.

As for me, my husband, Tim, daughter Augusta and I welcomed baby John in January!

From Carrie:

Rene Messalle Mesterhazy works for Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C. She attended the wedding of **Sara Askew McGovern** in September '00 in Northern Virginia. Her MWC alumnae bridesmaids included **Theresa Arcona**, **Kim Shea** and **Kirsten Hovde Shea**. Sara works for AMS, and she and husband Keith reside in

Alexandria. Kirsten lives in Connecticut and is busy keeping up with her twins, Matthew and Meghan, who were born in July 2000.

Babies were born to other class members this year. **Bart** '93 and **Kara O'Brien La Grassa** had a baby boy, Vincent Edward, in March 2000. **Stephen** '91 and **Jennifer Norris Gurley** are expecting their first baby in November 2001.

Laura Norfolk married her long-time boyfriend Tyler in July in Old Town Alexandria. They closed on their new home in Alexandria the end of June. Laura keeps in touch with **Rosie Keane Roseo**, who lives in Westchester, Penn., with her husband and two daughters, Cecelia and Julianne.

Melissa Brugh is attending Regent U. and expects to complete her MBA in 2002. She works with Compass Technology Management as a business analyst in the programming field.

I keep busy chasing around after our 14-month-old daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, and working at Oracle Corp. in Reston, Va. My husband, **James Whalen**, and all his buddies were looking forward to the Class of 1991 reunion last June. That means our reunion is less than a year away! We ran into **John Pozniak** '90 and his wife, Cristin, not long ago. They live in Ashburn, Va., with their daughter, Emily, and are expecting their second child later this year. John keeps in touch with **Matt Hoy** '90 and his wife, **Elizabeth Cross Hoy**, who live in a historic farmhouse in Northern Virginia. Liz works for USAA.

Thanks for so much great news! We love hearing from you all. We write twice a year, so keep the info coming!

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Greetings from Fairfield, Conn.! I'm writing this update report in the midst of moving my little sister out of her freshman year at college. I can't even express how many great memories this trip has brought me. Your notes also remind me of my four years at MWC. Now let's see what other friends have been up to.

Lisa Roark Harvie and **Will Harvie** were the first alums to write. Lisa works for State Farm, and Will works at Boxer Learning. They live in Crozet with their son, Trey. **Dianne Seymour** has a new job as a social worker for Prince William County, has a new grandson and was planning to travel to Russia in May. **Barbara Pike Osborne**, a joint stay-at-home mom and land planner, lives with husband John in Bradenton, Fla. They experienced the birth of their son, Daniel Graham, who joined brother Zach, last year.

Dave '91 and **Elizabeth Bauer Henrickson** live in Arlington. Elizabeth works as an event coordinator for the National MS Society, and Dave has opened his own marketing/graphic design firm, Flash Point Communications Inc. in Great Falls. Elizabeth reported that they live close to **Kathy Mulvaney**, and they often get together. Kathy lives in Arlington and works at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Elizabeth added that **Marla Bennett** lives in McLean and works for the American Institute of Architects. Marla has spent over one year traveling and diving around the world.

Heather Gebbia works as in-house counsel for Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass. Heather added that **Kristin Shoaf** will marry this winter.

World traveler **Kirsten Larson Williams** lives in Naples, Italy. She married Glenn Williams in 1998 and moved with Glenn and their two dogs to Japan. **Matt Strickler** '94 provided the scoop on a few grads. **Jon Scott** and **Eliza Huber Scott** '96 celebrated the birth of their baby boy, Tyler, who joined older brother Jensen. Jon is a financial analyst with KPMG Consulting. **Steve Fahrenkrog** and wife Lisa live in Arlington and are busy making a monster addition to their home. Steve works for a major network monitoring consulting firm. Matt added that even though Steve frequently travels, he's still around enough to be his best golfing buddy! **Jennifer Carlson** '92 lives in Ballston and is a technical manager for E*Trade Bank. Jennifer is on the board of DC Cares, is attending the Keller Graduate School of Management and is working hard toward her master's in information systems management.

Matt continued to say that **Chip Goodman** '94, who lives in Stafford, planned to marry his long-time girlfriend in June. Matt married Christine O'Connor on St. Patrick's Day this year. They honeymooned in the Caribbean and took the same cruise ship with "Survivor" winner, Tina. Matt works for Futron Corp. as an analyst, and his wife has broken into local film and theater. Matt still enjoys teaching tennis part time and is working toward a master's from the Keller Graduate School of Management in information system management. Matt lives in North Arlington.

Jonathan Fish works for OnStar and is enjoying the environment and potential for growth. Jonathan also enjoys seeing his daughter, Meghan. **Elizabeth Walker Lovern** lives in Minneapolis, Minn., and works as an associate producer for Voodoo Films Inc. She likes Minneapolis but misses the mild Virginia weather. Charles Melville Rowland III was born in November to **Tracy Young Rowland**. Tracy ran into **Susan Carlson**, who works at the U.S. Air Force Museum. **Jen Studt Schimmenti** and husband Michael recently purchased a new home in Falls Church. Jen is a meeting planner for The Nature Conservancy in Arlington. She's been busy traveling to Canada, Arizona, Hawaii and California this year. Jen added that **Karen Smith Clerici** had a little girl, Anne Elizabeth, in April, and that **Lori Fitzgerald Louden** was due to have her baby any day.

Jono Crowe lives in Fresno, Calif. After graduation from MWC, Jono studied at MCV but soon learned that becoming a scientist wasn't for him (all that lab work). So he entered the Marine Corps in 1995 and found himself stationed at 29 Palms, Calif. During his time in the Corps, he was able to travel to Japan, Thailand, Italy and Kuwait. Jono left the Corps in 1999 as a captain and went to work for the FBI. He graduated from the FBI Academy in 2000 and headed for Fresno as a special agent working on a drug squad. He's been in touch with **Pete Kim** '95, who is a DEA special agent in New York. Jono also learned that **Chris Derrickson** was attending the FBI Academy and was scheduled to head to Florida to work on drug crimes once he graduated last May. **Pat Steve** completed his Ph.D. in developmental psychology at GMU. **Elizabeth Bowen Jones** and husband Mike continue to do well and stay busy with their children, Jared and Michaela.

MWC icon **Matt Mejia** is doing well in Fredericksburg. He started a new center for mentorship at MWC for incoming students. Matt frequently sees **Mike Weil**, as Mike's firm is developing a new program for MWC. **Suzy Gilbert** moved to Seattle five years ago and married Tom Gilbert two years ago. They celebrated their second anniversary by announcing that they are expecting their first child in November. Suzy and Tom spend most of their free time sailing a 33' Soverel sailboat around the San Juan Islands. Suzy works for Covad Communications as a customer-support manager. She also helps Tom manage his business, Topcats Engineering. Topcats sells and installs marine electronics for yachts. **Karin Bulova** is another Seattle resident, having moved there in 1995. She married Robert Gatlin this year on Bora Bora. For the past four years she has worked at a local electric utility as a senior utility analyst. Karin is an avid runner and completed the Seattle Marathon. She also keeps in shape by extensively hiking and climbing in the Cascade mountain range.

Wedding bells were also chiming for **Inger Brown**, who married James Maslin last October. They spent their honeymoon visiting Maine. Among the grads on hand to share their special day were **Deidre McCarthy**, **Mary Trocchia** '94 and **Michelle Legg**. Inger and Jim were expecting their first child in September. Now that **Breata Hodes Caruso** has an e-mail address, she's full of information! Breata was married in March and lives in Richmond's Fan district. She and her husband spend their spare time fixing up their old house. She really enjoys Richmond because she frequently runs into grads. **Adam Owings** and wife Holly bought a new home in Alexandria. He began a new job with Technology, Management and Analysis Corp. in Crystal City as a PDA analyst. **Jennifer Williams** has also taken a new job as the development coordinator for the Virginia War Museum. She's excited to report that she's only six prerequisites away from starting a master's degree program in physical therapy. Jennifer has also begun a free-lance writing career.

Leigh Fuller Edwards married Reed Edwards in 1998, and they live in South Boston. She works for Cortez Management Corp. in Hampton and has her own real estate appraisal firm. After graduation, **Holly Dittmar Diaz** worked for Stafford County as an art teacher at Brooke Point and Stafford high schools. During this period she married Daniel and had their first child, Mason. Holly has now left teaching to raise Mason and Maria and to run her new business, Creative Memories. Holly and Daniel expected their third child in September. After completing her master's in psychology at ODU, **Susan Sherburne** entered the corporate world and hated it! She has transitioned back into the research world and works as an analyst for the Research Triangle Institute in Rockville, Md. She lives in Northwest D.C. and loves it.

Diane Newcomb Easter had baby boy Daniel in July 2000, and he is keeping her busy now that he's learned to crawl. Diane added that **Cindy Dunnavant** will marry Michael Easterday in October. **Suzanne Horsley** began a new job as public relations coordinator for VCU. She really enjoys being back in a university environment. Suzanne wrote that **Leanne Vernon** made a special trip to Australia last fall to attend **Carolyn Herndon Ewer**'s wedding. Leann apparently introduced Carolyn to her husband while Carolyn was on a mission trip in Mongolia. Leann had met the Aussie husband-to-be while he was visiting the United States and she thought that the two would like to share their interest in mission work.

An update from **Brian Sullivan** revealed that he is the national service programs manager for the Points of Light Foundation in D.C. Brian lives in North Arlington. **Krista Houser Wood** married Tom Wood in December 1994. They live in Stafford County. Krista left seven years of teaching math to raise her two sons, Alex and Matthew. Tom works for SAIC as a security analyst and is a volunteer firefighter on the side. Krista said that being a mother is more demanding and more rewarding than any paid job she can think of.

Jan Randow Cornwell and husband Jeff have a new baby, Caleb Phillip, born in January 2001. **Bethany Zecher Sutton** married **Ben Sutton** '95 in January and their wedding was just like an MWC reunion. Bethany and Ben

honeymooned in St. Lucia and are temporarily settled in Annandale while they hunt for a house in Northern Virginia. Ben works for the International Monetary Fund and Bethany at the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

We have another baby to welcome! Karlie Grace Jones was born to **Karen Staples Jones** in January. **Rachel Abrajano Beattie** and husband Rob took a trip to Paris. Rachel is one semester closer to completing her MBA program at William and Mary. **Brian** and **Whitney Hall Donaghy** couldn't stay away from home too long. They're now in Manassas, and Brian is studying to become a pastry chef. While enjoying Brian's homework, Whitney is working at an aerospace firm in Fairfax. However, she's gotten the school bug as well and hopes to begin studying at Catholic. Whitney added that **Tari Stage-Harvey** and her husband, Kirt, celebrated the birth of a new baby, Hannah Louise, this year. **Michael Compton** is currently chief resident in psychiatry at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. **Art** and **Michelle Speyer** were expecting their first child in July. They didn't know ahead of time if it was a boy or a girl. They continue to live in Stafford and work for the Marine Corps in Quantico.

Amy Mumpower Atkinson continues to pop up in the Richmond scene. In November she joined the Virginia Commission on Youth as executive director. But the bigger news was that she and husband Stephen were expecting their first child any time. Amy reported that **John** and **Becky Perry Puterio** celebrated son Jacob's first birthday in April, and that **Chris** '94 and **Jennifer Hawkins Whyte** had a baby girl in April. **Sarah Cox Boyer** and husband Jon live in Aiken, Ga., with their new puppy. Sarah is self-employed as a writer and has had some success with several different clients. Sarah and Jon were getting ready to visit the beach with friends for Memorial Day and to travel to Jamaica in the fall.

I heard from local Charlottesville residents **Rob** and **Allison Andrews Teweles** '95. Rob works for WorldStrides, and Allison works in U.Va.'s development department. Allison threw Rob a surprise 30th birthday party in March and **Jean Sudlow Simpson** and **Cheryl Roberts** joined in the fun. The woman who promises to teach my children someday, **Jody Smith,** has became the regional director for the New York Middle School Association. She represents all of the Long Island middle schools, which requires her to travel to Albany five times per year to discuss issues facing middle level education with the New York education department and directors. **Amy Alderman** has been working for the past three years in the health and fitness industry, dividing her time between the Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Hospital and the Richmond YMCA. Amy relocated to St. Petersburg, Fla., in July. **Aimee Cooper** earned her master's degree in publications design from the U. of Baltimore in May 2001. After graduation, she moved from Baltimore to the Washington, D.C., area. Aimee and longtime boyfriend, David Starr, are engaged and plan a wedding for fall 2002. **Sandy McCaffity Lyle** tells me that in between attending weddings, she's looking for a few minutes of vacation time. Ditto, says **Nilou Tavassoli,** who continues to work and live in Northern Virginia.

And last but not least, there's me! Pratt and I continue to live in Palmyra with our dog, Bena, and two cats, Lucky and Poozie. We recently purchased a 1998 Jeep Grand Wagoneer and are looking forward to many 4WD excursions! No trips are being planned for the near future though as my work as media relations and society public awareness associate for the Association for Investment Management and Research is keeping me quite busy. Two trips to Los Angeles, one to New York City and then this trip to Fairfield have me dreaming of a boring weekend! Pratt and I celebrated our second wedding anniversary in June. It's amazing how fast the time can go. And as I celebrated my 30th birthday this year, time is even more precious! I recently had the pleasure of wishing the ponies well with **Tammy White** and Jody Smith and seeing **John** and **Kara Matala Anstey** '94 at Foxfield. Tammy is a content editor for AOL. John and Kara are doing really well and live in the Roanoke area.

Thanks to everybody for their notes! Keep up the good work!

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I love e-mail! I've heard from many classmates over the past few months. A lot of us have had exciting changes in the years since graduation.

Amy Leslie Austell married her husband, Christian, in 1998. The live in North Carolina, where Amy is a PR specialist for Duke U. Medical Center. Amy keeps very busy with work-related travel, applications for grad school and her three rescued dogs. **Ashley Herron Scott** married Kevin in 1998. They moved to Arlington, Va., with their two dogs. Ashley does music therapy with developmentally delayed children. **Kelly Walker Antonio** married Mike in 1999. They live in Alexandria, Va., and had their first child, Walker, in December 2000.

After graduation, **Candace Malone** earned an M.B.A. from William and Mary. She works in marketing for McNeil Consumer Healthcare in Princeton, N.J. While living in Princeton, Candace met her fiancé, Greg Long. They were planning a September 2001 wedding.

Candace also wrote that **Ronna Winn** graduated from Virginia Tech. with a degree in nutrition and is a captain in the U.S. Army stationed in Sierra Vista, Ariz. She is a registered dietician, runs the wellness facility there, and is a diabetes specialist. Ronna has also finished two marathons!

Colette Crabill married **Jason Chipman** '95 in 2000 and moved to Arlington, Va. Coincidentally, they live right across the street from **Mike Charnoff** '95, **Jim Murray** '95 and **Mark McClure** '96. Colette earned her master's in art history from Notre Dame in 1996 and is now working as a decorative arts appraiser for an auction house in Washington, D.C. Maybe one of these days we'll see her on *Antiques Roadshow*!

Leah McNeil still lives in Fredericksburg, where she is engaged to be married to **Blaine Hodges** in October 2001. Leah graduated from Strayer U. in 2000 with a B.S. in computer information systems and is working as a software engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va. Blaine also lives in the Fredericksburg area and works as a software integration consultant for Kofax, a software company.

Len Ornstein continues to teach and was picked as one of a small group of New York teachers to visit Vietnam and Cambodia last summer. He spent last Christmas break traveling to China, where he visited Beijing, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China. He has moved to Long Beach, N.Y., and is only 100 yards from the beach and boardwalk.

Maureen Lynch has been working as a development accounting manager in Fairfax, Va., since 1995 and lives in Reston, Va. She loves to travel and has most recently been to Ireland. Maureen wrote that **Kris Adler** married Tom Kelleher in 1999. They bought a home in Hope, N.J., where Kris continues to work in theater. Maureen also keeps in touch with **Julie Hinkley**, who lives in Portland, Ore.

Lesley Stewart married Matthew St. James in April 2001. When Lesley wrote at Christmas, she had left her public relations job in New York and was teaching pre-school in Alpharetta, Ga. She was hoping to get a public school teaching job wherever she and Matthew ended up living after the wedding and a glorious honeymoon in Rome.

Sarah King lives in Washington, D.C. and works as the marketing manager for Smithsonian Theatres. **Vanessa Steele** married Stephen Szemenyei in 1996, and they live in Bethlehem, Penn., where Vanessa is an insurance agent. They have a daughter, Rylee, who was born in April 2000. **Claudette Gamache Sherman** and **Bill Sherman** '96 had their first child, Henry, in March. He is a beautiful big boy, and I hope to get to Annapolis much more often to snuggle him!

As for me, I'm frantically writing this during one of the few moments that both my children are napping! Keeley Corinne Dorr Ziegenmeyer joined big brother Thomas last March. She is a pure delight. I finally graduated from George Mason U., along with **Amy Umberger Nicholas,** in May with my M.Ed., and I'm looking forward to being able to devote a little more time to family now.

I so enjoy getting your letters and e-mails, and I especially love it when you tell me about getting reacquainted with friends after seeing their names in print. Please keep writing so I continue to have a lot to include under our class heading.

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From Jen:

Congratulations Class of '96! Not only are we celebrating five years since graduating, we are all celebrating some fantastic accomplishments. Many thanks to all of you who sent your own news and the news of fellow classmates. When sending and reading our notes, please remember that there is quite a delay from the time your news is shared until it is actually published. Keep up the spectacular work!

Wendy Young '97, my roomie, moved to Maryland after completing her master's degree at Appalachian State in North Carolina. As a member of the residence life staff at the U. of Maryland, College Park, Wendy worked with 650 residents. All of that hard work has paid off as Wendy returns to Virginia, where she has accepted the position of area director with the office of residence life at James Madison U.

Ann Rasmussen Krannitz married her sweetheart, Stefan, whom she met during her

senior internship in Germany in April '98. All of her German studies have assisted Ann with becoming bicultural and living in Tuebingen, Germany, her husband's hometown. Ann earned her M.B.A. from Esslingen U. of Applied Sciences in July 2000. Ann and Stefan were expecting their first baby last May. I think it's safe to say that this child will be bilingual.

Heidi Ferrell is living in Melbourne, Fla., and it sounds like life is good! Heidi graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology in June '99 with an M.S. in marine biology. In July '99, Heidi accepted the position as environmental consultant with O'Brien and Gere Engineers, where she focuses on human health and ecological risk assessments. She likes having the option of wearing heels or sneakers to work, or a wetsuit for that matter! Heidi lives across the street from the beach, and she loves the water. She works on projects all over the East Coast, and I hope to catch up with Heidi while she is in Virginia Beach this year.

Karen Frese Coyle lives in Scotland with her husband, Joe. The couple married in July '99 and moved to Scotland for Joe's three-year postdoctoral internship, of which one year remains. **Angie Tweedy** works as a historic preservation specialist for FEMA in Washington, D.C. When she last wrote, she was engaged to long-time sweetheart, Jerry Gladwell, and in the middle of wedding plans. Until the wedding, Angie and **Tad Czyzewski** were roommates in Arlington. Tad works for Capital One in Falls Church.

Across the country, **Dave Rushford** is "doing the corporate law thing" (as he phrases it) in Los Angeles and finding life on the West Coast to his liking. The bulk of Dave's work is with high tech/internet clients, and Dave really enjoys it. He is looking for MWC grads that may also be in the greater Los Angeles area. Many thanks to Dave for sharing news of some of our other classmate.

Marc Todd works for Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., while **Scott Wagner** '97 continues his career as a physical therapist in the Northern Virginia area. College sweethearts **Crayton Simmons** and **Theresa Racey** were married in June '00. At that time, they couple lived in Georgia and were preparing to move to Hawaii for Crayton's new Army assignment. **Dan Quinn** and his wife are fellow Hampton Roads neighbors of mine, living in Virginia Beach. Dan is a Navy officer stationed at Oceana NAS, where he flies fighter jets. And quite far from MWC, **Alyssa Martin** has been living in El Paso, Texas, while training as a midwife. Cross another man off the list of eligible bachelors — **Chris Kim** is married and lives in the Northern Virginia area. Dave also shared that **Laura Stewart** started work on a Ph.D. in exercise physiology last fall at Purdue U. You may remember Laura running all over Fredericksburg; now she's in triathlons. Her goal is to compete in the Iron Man in Hawaii.

Also enjoying the California sunshine is **Andrea Frome**, who became a graduate student in fall '00 at Berkeley. Andrea also works part time as a software engineer for Blue Mug Inc. She has lived in the San Francisco Bay area for over three years and absolutely loves it! Keeping up the West Coast trend, **Dana Birkholz Whitney** and **Lowell Whitney** '95 recently bought a house in Corvallis, Ore. Dana is doing PR work for the local county, while Lowell finishes up his master's thesis at Oregon State U. and works full-time as a GIS analyst. They both say that they've become great tour guides since relocating, and visitors are welcome! Also in that neck of the woods, **Matthew Ladenheim** continues clerking for a judge that sits on the Supreme Court of Washington state. He was preparing to take the dreaded bar exam and sounded content with life out west.

Also on the move, **Caroline Columbia Campbell** and husband **Jeff Campbell** '97 sold their home in Columbus, Ohio, left their respective jobs at Ohio Dominican College and Structure, and headed for Long Valley, N.J. Jeff was offered a full-tuition scholarship to Drew U., where he is working on his master of divinity degree with the goal of becoming a United Methodist minister. **John Dimeglio** '95 is living in South Jersey and handling major account sales for the DANKA Corp. John keeps me amused with his entertaining e-mails.

Jeanne Floyd Snyder and husband, **Jim Snyder**, were expecting their second child last spring. Jim joined a law firm in the Indianapolis, Ind., area, and Jeanne is very busy with both a new baby and daughter Elizabeth. **Barbara Pando** attended American U. for an M.A. in international affairs, spent a month backpacking through Southern Europe, then returned to write her thesis. She graduated in August '98. Still bitten by the travel bug, Barbara spent some time visiting with family in Bolivia in '99. She recently bought a house and moved to College Park, Md., which is not too far from her job with Catholic Relief Services in Baltimore. Barbara works as an analyst for the European regional team and was planning to travel to Yugoslavia and Kosovo last May. *The Free Lance-Star* covered Barbara's singing of the National Anthem at President Bush's Fiesta Americana Inaugural Ball and interviewed her regarding this accomplishment. Barbara was invited to have this performance honor by the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, which is also where she interned while in graduate school. As if all of this has not been enough to keep Barbara busy, she has been planning a wedding for September 2001 to Chris Behnke.

Thanks to Barbara for sharing the following updates: **Lisa Vanbourgondien** was married to Marine Lieutenant Chris Chown in March '97. Lisa and Chris live in California with their baby son. Wedding bells also rang for **Michele Jarosinski** and **Mike Tadle** '95, who were married in October '97 and live in Virginia. Also taking that walk down the aisle were **Rhett Carlson** '94 and **Kathryn Parsons** '95, married in May 2000, and **Becky Jones**, who married Garon Ceccucci on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in October 2000. **Jen Groves Fisher** reported that Becky and Garon are living in Virginia, quite far from Jen's home in merry old England. Jen is employed by the British healthcare system as a registered nurse in cardiothoracics (a.k.a. critical care). She and hubby Wil plan to live in England until May 2003. Jen also informed me that **Shelby Hadfield Strassheim** and **Rob Strassheim** joined the ranks of homeowners when they recently purchased their first home in Clifton, Va.

Bonnie Bullock Preston has been enjoying life Down Under with her Aussie hubby. They were married in April '98 and reside in Sydney. Bonnie had the unforgettable honor of working on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games for the PR firm of Professional Public Relations. During the Olympiad, Bonnie worked as part of a global PR team for McDonald's. While she continues with this account, she has also added Bacardi Rum to her list of clients.

And finally, you never know where you are going to meet MWC alumni. While grabbing a quick lunch in Paul's Deli in Williamsburg, I ran into **Stacy Lucas** '94, who was in town for a professional conference. Stacy earned her master's degree, and she has been working in the field of education with students who have suffered severe brain injuries. Also dining at Seasons Café in Colonial Williamsburg some time ago was **Courtney "Corky" Anderson** '95, who works in the field of economic development in Washington, D.C.

Last March I had the pleasure of attending the annual Tidewater chapter alumni luncheon in Hampton, Va. Not only was it wonderful to meet with President Anderson once again, I sincerely enjoyed listening to the stories of years past; **Ruby Lee Norris** '36 and **Mamie Stahle Allen** '43 had some tales to share! I also attended the office of career services career day, where I ran into **Bobby Shelton** '97. He was recruiting for Enterprise and told me that he and **Jen Repella** '97 were recently engaged. **Kate Lulfs Ehrle** '97 was also present and reminded me of the great times we had at MWC. Kate made the career move to Price Waterhouse Coopers last fall, and she was able to speak with many current MWC students about her career there.

This past year found me traveling once again, which I continue to enjoy. In between a business trip to Atlanta, Ga., and a winter trip to the Caribbean, I was able to spend a much-needed long weekend with **Lynn Terrill Walters** '95. The timing could not have been better, as I was able to meet new baby, Jack — a beautiful golden retriever. Lynn continues to advance her career and balance all of the challenges inherent to a school psychologist, while her husband, Doug, is a camp program director. As I peered down from my unsteady perch on a 35-foot high ropes course, I learned quickly that Doug is the outdoors type! My husband Mark and I have settled in Virginia, and I continue as a director for Sylvan. We both love to travel any chance we can get, so this year has found us in Florida, the Bahamas, hiking in western Virginia, kayaking the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and any other adventures this year may still hold for us. I am also trying my patience by playing golf. Having launched a new Sylvan last year, I have started doing some limited consulting, so I will be spending some time in California later this summer regarding a new business development. The Tabb High School 10-year reunion is just around the corner, and I have been working on the planning committee for that event as well.

Once again '96ers, you did a fantastic job sharing your news!

From Jill:

We have been out in the real world for five years now. We have all taken such different paths, and it's good to know that MWC prepared us well!

Congratulations to **James Bosley** and **Kristen Mercer** '99, who were married in May 2001! They are living in the Northern Virginia area. Kristen teaches early childhood special education and is working on her master's in that field. James is a human resources consultant at Capital One and is working on his master's in human resources management. **Rebecca Silverman** and **Darrell Snyder** '95 were married in May, as well. Rebecca still works for the U. of Maryland.

More congratulations! **Kim Daniel** is planning a 2002 wedding. **Jill McDermott** and **Bill Tucker** '95 are engaged. **Jennifer Woodman** tied the knot earlier this year to Dani Stern. Jennifer and Dani live in Kansas City, where Dani is the general manager of a large hotel. **Melissa Poole** was married last summer to Daman Irby.

LeAnne Williams Young and her husband, Matt, had their first child, Carter Elyse! **Debra Coffee Vedder** welcomed a baby girl, Kaitlyn Marie, in August 2000. **Gordon Johnson** and his wife were expecting their first child last spring. Gordon works for Stafford County juvenile probation. **Lisa Blackley Dmochowski** and **Michael Dmochowski** '95 welcomed Emma Katherine to the family in November 2000. **Johnny Puckett**

Jr. '95 and **Adriana Rissetto Puckett** and their son welcomed a baby girl to their lives in February. Johnny works as a private music instructor at Apple Music in Fredericksburg, and Adriana is working as a Web developer for the Central Rappahannock Regional Library.

Audrey O'Brien Gunther is living near the Inner Harbor in Baltimore with her husband, Jeff. **Kirstan Ulrich** and **Angie Newell** still live in Reading, Penn., and Bethesda, Md., respectively. Kirstan is a financial advisor, and Angie works for KPMG as a recruiter. **Jenny Atkins** is working as an assistant buyer for Hecht's and is hoping to begin business school to get her M.B.A. **Alyssa Martin** lives in El Paso, Texas, and is a midwife at a school/birth center called Maternidad La Luz. As Alyssa puts it, her days are filled with catching babies and working with pregnant women!

Lara Corcoran Moncrief and **Rich Moncrief** '95 purchased a home last spring. They live in Spotsylvania and are busy being foster parents to two brothers. Lara is now working out of her home for a Web security company called The SANS Institute. Rich is working for DoD and commutes to D.C. with **Brendan Kelly** '95.

It's a small world down there in the 'Burg — Lara and Rich have met quite a few MWC alumni while getting involved in the foster care system. **Cindy Cherisier** '94 is a foster care worker, and **Dru Abramson Perdue** '97 is a fifth-grade teacher in Spotsy County. Dru and **Jarret Perdue** were married in 2000. Jarret is working for Intuit Inc. as a trainer. After their wedding reception, the wedding party headed for Carl's — what a way to celebrate!

Vonzell Mattocks has been quite busy since graduation! He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, for two years, returned to Quantico for two years, and is now stationed in Hawaii. Von is currently a master sergeant in the Marine Corps. He has also begun an MBA program at Hawaii Pacific U. **Jamie Pizzorno** is busy working on his M.A. in international development and Japanese at The International U. of Japan.

If you're looking for some fun, head to North Arlington. That's where **Jeff Kramer**, **Chris "Mookie" Blelloch** '97, and **John Opiola** '95 are living! Jeff is working for Net2000 Communications Inc. with **Caz Yasutis** '97.

Kerri Gordon is working as a probation officer for Chesterfield County Community Corrections and Pretrial Services. She supervises felony drug offenders who are participating in Chesterfield's adult drug court.

Our condolences go to **Maria Oldfield** who lost her mother last June. She has been busy traveling back and forth to England.

I look forward to seeing all of you this October during homecoming weekend!

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From Amy:

I hope each of you is doing well, and thanks for sending your updates!

Congratulations to those who have graduated from law school! My former Ball Hall suitemate, **Crystal Bulges**, graduated in 2000, passed the bar in Maine, got sworn in, and, in her words, "can now officially be sued for malpractice." Speaking of malpractice, my dear friend, **Angie Fleming**, graduated from George Mason School of Law in 2000, also passed the bar on the first try, and is working at Crews Hancock in Richmond, doing (among other things) medical malpractice law. Angie writes that **Kim Hrabosky** and **Steve Terpak** also passed the bar on the first try.

Kathleen Gillikin is continuing work on her master's in library science at the U. of Maryland and working at The Baltimore Museum of Art Library. Also returning to school, but for a different reason, was **Dave Wrubel**. He could be seen on MWC's campus on Monday nights, where he taught a spring 2001 Geography 101 course. He was relieved when the semester ended and has redirected his efforts toward planning his summer 2002 wedding with fiancée Laura Sowers.

By the time this issue is published, **Bob Shelton** and **Jennifer Repella** will have celebrated their May 2001 wedding in Annapolis. Their bridal party included a cast of MWC alums.

And from weddings to babies! Congratulations to **Liz Donahue Saunders** and her husband, Jerry, on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rose. Abby — a real cutie! — was born in April 2001.

As for me, I'm living in Alexandria and have been for over a year. The best part is that the commute to my job at the American Physical Therapy Association has been cut in half! There are so many MWC'ers in the area; it's great running into you around town. And my new roommate loves to sing, but doesn't pay rent — a cute little blue parakeet that was a birthday present!

Departing the Alexandria area, however, is **Dianna Rowell**, who was heading in July to Albany, N.Y., to pursue her psychology degree in a combined master's/doctoral program. Best wishes!

Did you catch the mention about our alma mater on "Jeopardy"? "A Fredericksburg, Va., college is named after Mary Washington, this relative of George." Do you know the question?

Please continue to send us your updates, and I hope many of you will be at Homecoming!

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As I watched another class graduate from Mary Washington, I realized that I had been out in the real world for two years. It is amazing to me how many things are changing for our class everyday. When I sent out the notice that is was time for me to collect the class information again, I reminded everyone that even though I would be writing them now, the information wouldn't be coming out until fall. So, remember, when you read the tidbits below, they are a few months old.

I am still in Fredericksburg teaching fourth grade at Wilderness Elementary. Hopefully as you read this, I am pursuing my master's. I was having difficulty narrowing down what I wanted to master in and where. Unlike me, **Sarah Scybert** and others have made up their minds about grad school. Sarah is finishing her master's in biotechnology at Illinois State U. **Michele Thomason** is working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson U. In Maryland, **Lisa Simpson** is hard at work at the U. of Maryland studying law, and **Aimee Seward** continues her master's work in athletic administration at Western Maryland College. **Angela Lengvel** is completing her Ph.D. in economics at the U. of Texas in Austin.

I don't know how she is doing it, but while Angela is working on her doctorate, she has been traveling the world. She has been to San Francisco, New York City and Thailand, to name a few. **Chris Wiegand** continues teaching in Richmond but was able to take the summer off and enjoy her time in Ireland. When I heard from **Supapan Kanti**, she had just returned from Paris and was getting ready to leave for Las Vegas! I am just wondering why I have never received any postcards from these wonderful places!

While some people are off seeing the sites of the world, others are getting married and engaged. It must be in the air. **Jenny Phillips** and **Brian Turner** '00 are married. They were engaged in February and were married according to the Marine Corps' schedule. **Marty Malloy** and **Meredith Wolfe** were married in September 2000 and both continue to make a living in Los Angeles, Calif. **Elizabeth Howard** was working hard at a theater in Washington when she fell in love with Matthew Hencke. They were married in June and have since moved to Los Angeles as well. **Rebecca Williams** and **Bradley Payne** '97 were married in December and continue to reside here in Fredericksburg. **Jennifer Fields** found time to teach in Lynchburg and get married last fall. **Summer Spiedell** and **Andrew Buxbaum** '98 were engaged this past year. **Flora Adams** and **Courtney Rannells** also joined the crew of engaged classmates — not to each other, however. Both are engaged to gentlemen from their respective areas. Congrats to all!

While some people are moving on to a different phase of their lives, like marriage, others are moving to various parts of the country. **Meredith Wilcox** moved to Los Angeles, Calif. **Jeanine Boeke** also made the choice to move to California, but decided San Diego was more suited to her. **Flora Adams** and **Kristin Ruhl** moved to Herndon, Va. **Nate Pipke** joined the ranks of the Mary Wash teachers here in Fredericksburg last May. Over the summer, Nate performed in productions of "Snoopy" and "Godspell." **Kelly Cwiak** is teaching biology at Chancellor High School while pursuing her master's of education at the James Monroe Center. **Sarah Lindeman** continues to teach in Lynchburg. **Ginger Link** is teaching earth science to Prince William high school students, while **Candy Conklin** teaches art to students in Stafford. **Corey Sell** is teaching somewhere in Virginia (as of May, he wasn't quite sure where he was going to be), and **Lisa Mueller** is trucking her way through another year in Spotsylvania as a fifth grade teacher. **Jessica DiCapua** is working on her teacher's license.

Up and down the east and west coasts, many Mary Wash students are earning a living in various businesses. In Virginia, **Andrea Sellers** continues to work with Booz Allen & Hamilton, **Ed Egee** is working for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and **Nicki Patton** works in the marketing department at Progressive Insurance in Glen Allen. **Kevin Kincaid** makes the commute from the 'Burg to D.C. to work in the marketing department at the Nasdaq Stock Market, and **Claire Rotramel** continues to with the Health Department in Tappahannock trying to restore the Bay to its natural wonder. **Aaron Monroe** told me this was the first time I had heard from him, but it wouldn't be the last. He is working with adolescents with drug problems as a residential specialist at the Adolescent Residential Center.

John Hallet resides in Richmond, where he continues to work with Capital One as a financial analyst. **Caritta Lee** lives in Arlington with **Hien Troung**. Caritta designs Web pages for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Caritta and Hien recently purchased a beach house and hope to spend many weekends there with friends. Look them up! **Laura Reilly** is doing background checks for security clearances. **Georgina Bruer** a senior wage specialist with the Department of Defense. **Penny Stanley** is the volunteer coordinator for the Rappahannock Red Cross. Look her up if you want to help. **Katarina** and **Brian Fletcher** are still in Fredericksburg. They continue to educate the area in various cultures with their touring agency and specialty store, Natural Mystics. Make sure you visit our fellow MWCer's and help their business.

In other parts of the United States, **Dave Resetar** is working at Pfizer in Connecticut. **Emre Iz'at** is in New York directing plays and working on his own theatre company called International Playwrights Theatre. **Beth Ann Romph** works for Prentice Hall in New Jersey. And finally, **Julie McPhilomy** is probably overhead as you read this as a flight attendant with American Airlines.

There you have it, folks — the Class of 1999. Please send me your information to be included in the next edition. Thanks for all of your help!

2000

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As I write this, we have spent our first year out in the real world in some form or another. As you can see below, we have quite a few classmates residing in the D.C. metropolitan area and scattered along the East Coast starting their careers in business, arts, education, and starting a new life with wedding vows, and changing lives.

Chris Bellios is working as a lead systems engineer for BAE Systems, while you can find **Kristen Bertini** in human resources at a small firm, with plans for grad school. **Marissa Bodnar** still lives in Northern Virginia, working at the GSA. **Nick Bondurant** works for Discovery, and **Jessica Bonanno** has found herself at the Capitol on a Senate commerce committee. **Geoff Bradley** finished his work for MWC admissions and started working at Lockheed Martin over the summer, and **Stacey Christopher** has found a home at ASM Research. **Steve Donahoe** spent a couple months living and working in NYC. **Jim Dlugasch** passed his CPA exam on the first try and is working at Andersen. **Pete Gonyo** is a contractor for the Navy doing help desk support. Hyperion Associates (not the coffee shop) in Fredericksburg has hired two classmates, **Mark Greenleaf** and **Angela Zosel**. Angela was also married this past year and had a baby. **Nichole Gubitosi** is an account support representative for a mainframe outsourcer. **Zach Holtzman** is hanging out in FredVegas, and so is **John Langan,** who is working at Enterprise Rent-a-Car. **Elaine Murray** lives in Baltimore. **Andrea Wrigley** has been keeping busy in the human resources department for a government contractor located in McLean, Va. Her boyfriend, **Eric Levy**, is enjoying a successful career as the chief Internet architect for an aviation consulting company in Chantilly, Va. In their free time, they get together with **Sarah Stacy**, who lives in Arlington. Sarah works in Tysons Corner for a leading advertising agency. **Craig Swanson** is a consultant for Booz Allen & Hamilton in McLean, Va. **Dave Tilman** works for Intergraph Mapping & GIS Solutions. **Greta Franklin** spent the last year working for MWC as a counselor for the James Farmer Multicultural Center. **Anna Jordan** is a chief ranger at the Mason Neck State Park in Northern Virginia. **Karen Martin** is a marketing assistant for Virginia Center Commons Mall in Richmond. Fox News grabbed **Daniela Kelley** and **Olivia Synnott**. **Valerie Wunder** is at WHFS radio.

We have a few teachers in the area. In Stafford, **Christine Guedri** is teaching Spanish, and **Jen Murray** will be teaching music this year. **Teresa Franklin** is a third-grade teacher in Prince William County, Va., and **Jessica Greene** found a home in fifth grade. **Kristin Ward** is still teaching kindergarten in Maryland.

Lora Medlyn Robinson was married in November 2000; she is the yearbook adviser for a middle school and is planning to open a boarding kennel called Pug Ugly. **Kim Alvis** was married in April 2001. In June 2001, **Eva Ross** was wed in Richmond; her friend, **Heather Martinsen**, is a youth counselor for the Department of Social Services in Northern Virginia and will also be married this August. And **Jessica Turner** and **Ryan Rapp** will marry in October 2001. **Cristin Cini** is majoring in music at Catholic U. and is engaged to **Chris Williamson** '01. Congrats to all!

We have some classmates who have continued their education to take themselves to greater heights. **Derek Coryell** is studying history at George Mason. **Kate Amey** can be found at UNC in Greensboro studying psychology. **Mandy Heller** is getting her master's degree in social service from Fordham U. in NYC. **Jennifer Smith** is studying school counseling at Regents U. in Virginia Beach. **Jamie Currie** started her master's in occupational therapy at MCV. **Missy Schmidt** will be graduated this December with an MBA while living in Madrid.

Yea to the law schoolers — **Mike Harris** is at The College of William and Mary, **Kari Lee** found a home at Wake Forest U., and **David Sands** started at the U. of Alabama at Tuscaloosa this fall.

Charlottesville, Va., is home to two classmates: **Rob Sharp**, an underwriter for State Farm Insurance, and **Alex Shein**, a musician. A few friends went north to NYC: **Laura Quinn** is a teacher on the minor's unit of Covenant House and is a caseworker for a mother/daughter shelter; **Robert Wall** works as a consultant for Applied Business Systems; **Lisbeth White** is interning for Bernard Telsey, a big casting agency; **Chris Boon** is living and hanging out. **Tony Saitta** works as an account executive at Skytel Communications in New Jersey and continues to play baseball both with his high school and for a league.

A few friends decided that they should move south: **Betsy Burton** lives in Georgia; **Rachael Dorsey** has relocated to Miami and is working for the Miami Art Museum; **Mary Larkin** moved to Tampa and works for Price Waterhouse Coopers. A few people have even migrated off the East Coast, like **Mary Alessandri**, who is living in California with her sister; **Amelia Hube**, who spends her time in Cameroon as a community health volunteer for the Peace Corps; and **Cat Littlehale**, who is teaching English through the JET program in Japan. **Melanie Alexander** is pushing her physical abilities to participate in an Alaska AIDS Vaccine Ride, a five-day bike ride. **Kara Davis** has continued her amazing event planning skills by working in Salt Lake City on the Olympic committee.

As for me, **Kristin DeGraff**, I left Booz Allen & Hamilton and moved to Orlando to pursue my dreams. We can do anything with such possibilities ahead!

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